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ANNUAL A.Z.A. TRI-STATE CONVENTIONS TO MEET IN CITY THIS WEEK END

The annual Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio A.Z.A. convention will open in Indianapolis this week-end with services Friday night at the United Hebrew Congregation.

Chapters from Cincinnati, Columbus, O., Dayton, O., East Chicago, Ind., South Bend, and Louisville are expected to attend the three-day session which will get under way Saturday with registration at the Severin Hotel and a get-together dance at the Communal Building Saturday evening.

Sunday events will include basketball games at the Communal building, debate and oratorical contests, followed by a frolic and dance at Kirshbaum Center Sunday night, with Louie Haboush and his orchestra furnishing the music for dancing.

Election of officers will be held Monday. On Monday also, the finals in the basketball and oratorical events will be held, and ping-pong contests will be played off. The oratorical contests will

Church Displays Lighted Menorah

By HARRY CUSHING

Jewish Post Correspondent
BOSTON — This community which in the past couple of years has been the center of so many anti-Semitic manifestations, this week witnessed two expressions of good-will and mutual appreciation between Christians and Jews.

The hundreds of shoppers along Boston's famed Tremont street, (the Fifth Avenue of Boston) could not help but notice the large illuminated menorah which stands on the portico of St. Paul's Cathedral, New England's leading Episcopal church. In recent years, Dean Van Etten of St. Paul has openly indicated his admiration for the Jewish people, and each year, it has been his custom to have the Shofar blown from the steps of the impressive cathedral, calling attention of passersby to the observance of Rosh Hashonah.

In Brookline, at the Michael Driscoll School, some 500 pupils witnessed the presentation of a pageant depicting Chanukah and Christmas. The program, in which 85 pupils in the seventh and eighth grades were participants, was hailed by several news broadcasters over local radio stations.

Gemiles Chesod Serves Soldiers

The Sunday supper was served last week by the Gimeles Chesod Society. Mrs. R. Klapper was chairman of the committee, assisted by Mesdames Sam Bunes, Moskovitz, Einstandig, Rothbard, Sam Hoffman, Saul Hoffman and I. Mason. The B. & P. Hadassah will serve refreshments following the regular Friday night services at Billings Hospital and Fort Harrison.

Aaron Horovitz, prominent clothing manufacturer, was re-elected Mayor of Cornwall (Canada) by a substantial majority. Horovitz was the first Jewish mayor to be elected in Canada and has served the municipality as mayor for five consecutive years.

Viscount Samuel, first High Commissioner for Palestine, has been elected leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords.

be held in the Rainbow Room of the Severin Hotel, and the public is invited to attend. The sports events will also be open to the public. Admission to the dances may be paid at the door.

Dr. Alfred Jospe, director of Hillel foundation at Indiana University, will speak at the dinner Monday evening at the Severin, at which awards will be given. Edward Wyner of Cleveland, a director of District No. 2, will be a special guest at the dinner.

A dance, at Beth-El-Zedeck Temple, with Ted Campbell's orchestra furnishing the music, will conclude the convention.

Want News Items On Local Soldiers

The December issue of the Newsletter was mailed this week to 700 members of the Armed Forces. The editor this week asked the community to contribute news items pertaining to Indianapolis men and women in service to the USO-JWB Club, 2314 N. Meridian or call HHighland 0550.

Prof. Wirth Speaker for Men's Club

Prof. Louis Wirth, of the University of Chicago faculty, will address the next meeting of the Beth El Men's Club Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Larry Frisch On Air Saturday

Special
NEW YORK — Larry Frisch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frisch, will be heard on two broadcasts over the Mutual network this Saturday morning. He will be on the Rainbow House program and also on "Let's Pretend."

S/Sgt. Morris I. Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Bryan, 5677 Broadway, has returned from 13 months overseas. He has flown 53 missions, has the air medal, with 3 oak leaf clusters, the distinguished flying cross, presidential citation, and the bronze stars for three major battles.

B'nai Brith Plans Lads and Dads Night Wednesday

Completion of plans for Lads and Dads Night to be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 27 at Kirshbaum Center was announced by Sidney Maholowitz, chairman of Floyd Beitman of the December entertainment committee of B'nai Brith.

Featuring the program will be Mike Kelly, former big league baseball star and former manager of the Indianapolis Indians and Louis R. Thomas, local magician. In addition a buffet luncheon will be served.

All B'nai Brith fathers are urged to bring their sons, and members are urged to bring any A.Z.A. boy to make this the biggest turn-out in the season.

Announce Judaism Lecture Series

A series of five lectures on the outstanding aspects of Judaism will be sponsored by Knesses Israel Synagogue beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 9. The lectures, to be held on Tuesday evenings, will be open to the public. Speakers will be announced soon.

Pool and Gym Closed Monday

The Kirshbaum Community Center swimming pool and gym will be closed Monday, Dec. 25. The game room will be open from 2 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 10 p. m. Swimming pool and gym will be closed the afternoon of Jan. 1, and will reopen on regular schedule at 7:30 p. m. The game room will remain open on New Year's day.

Card Party Postponed

A card party originally scheduled for Dec. 24 by Beta Nu Sorority, has been postponed until Jan. 21. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

Santley Larman has received an honorable discharge from the army after serving overseas in the South Pacific area, and in the United States following his return.

Heads Mid-West Region



Mrs. Shoolen Ettinger, of Indianapolis, was elected chairman of the Mid-West Region of Hadassah recently. Mrs. Melvin Goodman of Terre Haute, was named treasurer, and Mrs. Irving Flinsot, Hammond, was elected vice-chairman of Education. Other officers of the organization were announced last week.

Beth El Sisterhood to be Hostess to Temple Group

The Beth El-Zedeck Sisterhood will be hostess to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood at a meeting at 2 p. m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Beth El vestry rooms. Mrs. Israel Chodos will review Thomas Mann's "Joseph the Provider".

A board meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. Chodos.

A child-parent party will be held by the Sisterhood Sunday, Jan. 21, when a supper and program will be presented by parents and children. Mrs. Harry Zuckerberg is in charge of program arrangements.

Van Paassen Here For Address, Jan 16

The Indianapolis Zionist District will sponsor a community meeting on Jan. 16 at which Pierre Van Paasson, noted author and lecturer will speak. The event will mark the Indianapolis celebration of Dr. Chaim Weizman's seventieth birthday.

Dr. Weizmann Honored

On the occasion of the Seventieth Birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizman, a group of guests at the Temple Beth El-Zedeck Chanukah Dinner inscribed Dr. Weizman in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book.

The daily Minyan of the congregation planted six trees in celebration of Chanukah, a traditional gesture of the group.

* Capt. Isadore Newman, stationed about 100 miles from Paris in Troyes, France, the birthplace of Rashi, recently planned and organized Chanukah Services, the first held in that city since the beginning of the war. As there is no synagogue in the little town, arrangements were made to hold the services in the local Protestant church.

Lt. and Mrs. David Leventhal will arrive Saturday from Camp Richey, Md., to spend the week with Mrs. Leventhal's mother, Mrs. M. L. Goldberg and relatives.

B'nai Brith Announces New Home

The Indianapolis lodge of B'nai Brith this week announced it's new home, a large lodge room on the second floor of the Maco Market at 38th and College. The need for increased facilities has long been recognized and the new home will enable the lodge to increase its activities, Mac Laner, president, said.

Formal opening will be announced shortly.

The House Committee consists of Charles Kaufman, temporary chairman, David B. Silverman, Leon Levin, Josh Fineberg, David Cook, William Meyers, Jr., Jack Kammins, Louis Lubow, Sam Hoffman, Edgar Fassburg, Max Katz, Isadore Feibleman, Nathan Resnick, Mr. Laner, and Floyd Beitman.

Zionist Drive Nears 200 Mark

Almost 200 new members were reported at a membership committee meeting of the Z.O.A. Tuesday night at the home of Marshall Sherman, drive chairman, has been set.

This is 50% of the quota which

Majors Ben Prince, J. A. Goodman, and Jack Kammins head the three teams vieing for first place honors.

These figures do not include the pledges from congregations, due of which are still to be collected. The various majors announced that the team meetings at their respective homes within the next week to consolidate plans for further enrollment of prospects.

B'nai Brith Executives To Meet at Purdue Jan. 7

Special
GARY—The executive board of the Indiana-Kentucky State Association of B'nai Brith will meet at 10 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 7 in the Union Building at Purdue University. William H. Stern, Gary, president, in calling the meeting, asked for full attendance of executive officers.

On Zionist Program



The story of how a group of young boys are growing green crops on the salty shores of the Dead Sea will be told by Louis Calhern in this week's installment of the dramatic series, "Palestine Speaks!" over Station WIBC at 11:30 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 24, under the auspices of the Indianapolis District of the Zionist Organization of America.



Uses Hobby to Sell Bonds

Herman Friedman, Mishawaka, who has painted pictures for previous war loans, is at work on an idea for the Seventh War Loan. Painting and sketching are his vocation. Friedman is president of Anshe Sholom Synagogue, Michawaka.

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for Boys and Girls

BY RUTH PALLER

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you have a Happy Chanukah? If anyone of you is wondering what to do with some of that

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Chanukah money, what about some exciting new books. We are especially fond of Elma Ehrlich Levinger's adventure stories "In Many Lands," "The New Land" and "More Stories of the New Land."

And as for fairy tales, there are a host of stories you may never have heard of in Gertrude Landa's "Jewish Fairy Tales and Legends," Edith Calish's "Fairy Tales From Grandfather's Big Book" and Gerald Friedlander's "The Jewish Fairy Book."

Your little brother or sister will love some books by Sadie Rose Weilerstein. There is one about a tiny Jewish Tom Thumb who has the funniest adventures you can imagine on all the holidays. Another favorite is "What the Moon Brought," stories about Debby and Ruth, two little girls who have a glorious time celebrating all the holidays in very special ways.

We have retold a favorite story from "More Stories of the New Land" in the Junior Post this week. It is called:

The Jew Who Wouldn't Pay.

Have you heard of "Old Silver Leg," the nickname by which Governor Peter Stuyvesant was

called? He was the peppery governor of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in Colonial days, you know. And like many aristocrats of his day, he had no patience with anyone who thought differently than he did. Quakers were not allowed in his colony and Jews would have been banned too, except that the Dutch government insisted upon their being free to live in New Amsterdam.

At the time of our story, the Dutch were fighting the Swedes for control of the land along the Delaware river, and "Old Silver Leg" had called every able bodied man in the colony to fight—that is every man but the Jews. He did not let them defend New Amsterdam, but instead placed a heavy tax on them to pay the military expenses.

The Jews refused to pay a military tax. Led by bold freedom-loving Asser Levy, the Jews defied Peter Stuyvesant to collect the tax.

**Old Silver Leg Goes to
Asser Levy's House**

Peter Stuyvesant was in a violent temper as he stamped with his silver-bound wooden leg along the clean-scrubbed sidewalks of New Amsterdam to Asser Levy's house.

"He shall pay double, triple, or he can lie in prison," the old man muttered to himself, swinging his heavy black cane so wildly that the Dutch housewives washing

their steps drew back in fear. "Imagine a Hebrew daring to cross me!"

He turned to go up the steps of Asser Levy's house when tragedy struck. Mrs. Levy who had just finished scouring her steps, came to the door with a bucket of suds, her arms raised and the bucket already tilted before she saw the Governor.

"Stop," he shouted. But it was too late and "Old Silver Leg" stood drenched on Asser Levy's steps.

Poor Mrs. Levy took just one look and then darted into the house and bolted the door, while Peter pounded with his cane, threatening to hang her first and then drive her out of New Amsterdam.

At that moment, Asser Levy came up the street and greeted the Governor with a cheery smile and outstretched hand. The crowd which had gathered around the Governor gasped.

Mr. Levy had already been told by the little boys down the block that his wife had thrown soap-suds on Peter Stuyvesant, but if he was flustered, he did not show it.

"Please come in," he said cordially, "I am honored to have you call."

"Old Silver Leg" began to rage and the neighbors all shivered when they thought of what would happen to the Levys. But Asser Levy said softly:

"I am sure the Governor would prefer visiting with us inside our house rather than to remain out on the pavement," and Peter glancing at the curious throng, sullenly followed Asser Levy inside.

The frightened Mrs. Levy and her husband spoke together for a moment, then the wife slipped out of the room while Asser Levy stood before the Governor.

"Please pardon my wife. She is so upset by what happened this morning that she has gone to her rooms."

"Old Silver Leg" grunted. "If you are trying to have me believe that your wife wasn't waiting with her bucket to drench me," he started, but Asser interrupted.

"My dear sir, my wife would not harm a fly—to say nothing of her governor whom she respects highly. It was purely an accident. She did not see you until too late." He paused a moment. "And would it not be better if you reported it as an accident? Imagine if people went about saying that a woman had dared throw soap-suds in the governor's face."

The Governor Retreats

Peter Stuyvesant thought for a moment and then he actually smiled, "Very well, I forgive and forget." Then his face grew grim again as he said, "But that is not why I am here. What of your insubordination? What is this about your refusal to pay to support the military expedition we plan against the Swedes on the Delaware?"

"Governor Stuyvesant," said Asser Levy, and now his voice was firm, "Neither I nor any of my fellow Jews will pay a military tax to support the expedition."

"What?" shouted the governor, "You Hebrews will enjoy all the rights of free citizens but you will not help in time of need?"

"You have not treated us like

free citizens," Asser retorted. "You have called all other able-bodied men to service, but my people have been shamed by demanding a military tax from them and not allowing them to bear arms against our enemy."

"You Hebrews are traders, not fighters," Stuyvesant said scornfully, looking down with pride on his wooden leg which replaced the one he had lost fighting in the West Indies.

"Sir," said Asser Levy, his voice ringing, "My people are warriors. You could not know the history of my people, the exploits of the Maccabees or Bar Kochba. But your people of Holland and mine have both known the tyranny of the Inquisition and paid for our devotion to our faith with our blood. Not fighters! We Jews who have faced the armies of every nation from the Babylonians to the black priests of Torquemada, are not afraid of a few Swedes down the Delaware!"

"I have been mistaken," said the gruff old governor, which was a great admission for him to make. "If you and your people wish to fight instead of paying a military tax, I shall welcome you." And then he smiled, "And I trust I can give you a gentler welcome than your gentle wife has just given me."

He bowed himself out, glaring at the crowd which still stood around the door.

"Sir," said a man on the sidewalk, "Shall I call the Guard to take Asser Levy to prison?"

The governor had controlled himself too long, and now his rage at having been bested exploded. With one blow of his walking stick he sent the idler sprawling. The crowd shouted with laughter as "Old Silver Leg" stumped down the street.

Puzzle Box

Let's have a proverb quiz. How many of these do you know?

1. What proverb encourages a gentle answer?
2. How do the proverbs tell us to answer a fool?
3. What proverb used to be the excuse for punishing children?
4. In what proverb is charity compared to a loan to God?
5. What is the Golden Rule?

Answers to proverb quiz:

1. A soft answer turneth away wrath.
2. Answer a fool according to his folly.
3. He that spareth his rod hateth his own son.
4. He that is gracious unto the poor lendeth unto the Lord.
5. Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Happy Birthdays.

Naomi Reiskind, 3858 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, celebrated her third birthday on Dec. 12.

Stephen Cooper, 2955 Ruckle, Indianapolis, had a birthday party on Dec. 3 in honor of being 6 years old.

Harriet Pallen, 4532 Oakland, Los Angeles, Cal., will be 12 Dec. 31, and will celebrate New Year's and her birthday with a slumber party for her friends. We wonder how much sleeping those girls will do. But after all it is a double festivity.

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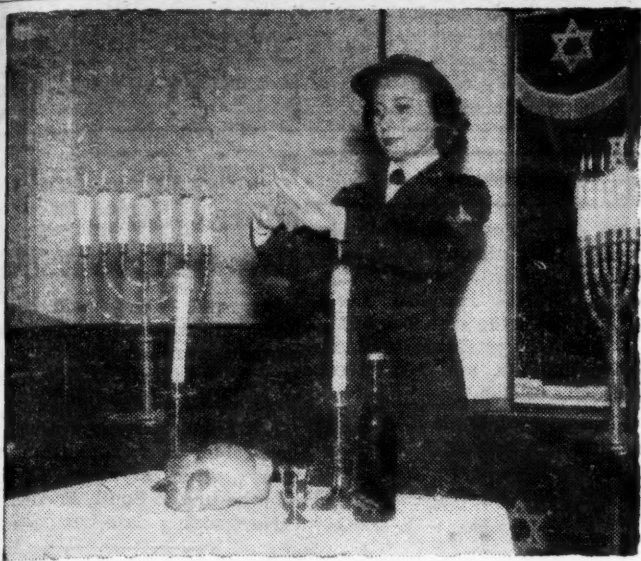
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Tuchman Writes From Hawaii; Likes It

To the Editor,
I have written many changes

of address to you but here is one I have been wanting to write for a long time: APO San Francisco. To you that means the Hawaiian Islands—a little bit of heaven stuck out in the Pacific.

... When the order for embarkation was given, my heart stopped I could not then and I cannot now conceive that I, who had never before been west of Chicago, could be so far away from home. I thought I would be very sentimental and it would take plenty of guts to climb over that gank-plank. It took guts alright. Guts to climb up with a pack, a rifle, a duffle bag, and all the other paraphernalia the Army issues. Oh my kingdom for a red cap!

The following morning when I awoke I felt like I had a hang-over from a prodigious drunken orgy. The shop had started during the night and that morning I really felt it. I was so dizzy I couldn't walk a straight line. I turned around and went right back to bed—no breakfast.

I got up again for dinner, walked to the door of the mess hall, and the butterflies in my stomach stared fluttering again. Right back to the old sack—no dinner. Then I really knew the meaning of seasickness... The next three days I was miserable. If ever I had regretted not joining the Navy, now I was at the zenith of relief.

Gradually I was on my bed less and on deck more. Then I began to appreciate a sailor's life: that refreshing salt air and the beautifully brilliant, blue, rolling water. For the rest of the trip I was like a new person. I ate everything I could get my hands on. Well, almost everything. I drew the line when the Navy served baked beans for breakfast. I hope I never get that hungry.

Just those last few days made me happy that I hadn't missed the boat. But when we docked and drove through part of the island to our station, I was more than happy. The part I did see looked like the setting for a Maria Montez movie. As yet I haven't seen much of this paradise, but Special Service conducts weekly tours through the island. Incidentally I am on the

Unveiling

Mrs. Esther Fishman

A monument will be unveiled to the memory of Mrs. Esther Fishman at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 24 at Knesses Israel Cemetery. Rabbi David Shapiro will officiate. Friends and relatives are invited.

island of Oahu, the main one of the Hawaiian group.

Special Service here is doing a magnificent job. It is no wonder though, with Major Maurice Evans at the helm. He is putting on a production of Hamlet next month, and that alone is worth coming to Hawaii for. There is no end to the activities encouraged by Special Service to bolster morale. Just give me a harp and I'll believe I'm in heaven.

The best morale builder, not even overlooking these unbelievable activities is still mail, and a copy of the Post is more than just a letter from home. I feast on the Post as any soldier would dig into one of Mother's meals. So you send the paper and I hope my friends will all drop me a line at my new address.

T/Cpl Sidney Tuchman 35096584 Co. B, 3117 Sig. Serv. Bn., APO 958 %P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

Gary Reader Praises Tri-City Choral Group

To the Editor:

"Flowers for the living rather than for the dead" has always been my policy and for that reason I believe it altogether fitting and proper that a great big bunch of orchids be presented to the Tri-City Choral Group, led and directed by Miss Fannie Friedland of 3910 Grand boulevard, Indiana Harbor.

I am afraid that members of our faith in northern Indiana just do not know of the jewel we possess in this part of the state in the form of this group of twelve girls, who, during the past year, have reached the hearts of hundreds of Jews in the vicinity

of Gary, Hammond, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor.

These girls, all between the ages of 17 and 20, have been gathering nightly at each other's homes, rehearsing, rehearsing, practicing over and over again until they have acquired a repertoire of English, Yiddish and Palestinian songs

which have delighted all who have heard them. I honestly believe that Lake county is to be complimented upon its acquisition of such a splendid group of Jewish girls.

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MRS. HANNAH FRANKFORT, a roguish twinkle in her eyes told me of her first plane trip in all her seventy-two years. "I feel ten years younger! You see I hadn't seen my widowed sister, Mrs. Freda Horwitz of New York for twenty years and she was sick. And I, too, had been not so well for three years after my auto accident. And then, the granddaughter of my dead sister, was going to have a baby! Sidney and Martin were at the T.V.A. airfield to see me off at 11:50 a. m. Such an adventure! The fields looked like tiny patches of greens and browns. We stopped ten minutes, each time, at Dayton, O., Columbus, O., Pittsburgh and Reading, Pa. We were at LaGuardia air field in New York at 6 p. m. And my grandniece, Mrs. Louise Goldberg—she knows so many people here who were always grand to her when she visited me. Her name used to be Theodora Elner. Her baby was born Oct. 25. Such a doll! They named her Susan Ellen. You've met Mrs. Goldberg's mother, Mrs. Ben Elner. She was Beatrice Goulden. After my husband's death, she was with me often, once for seven weeks. I flew back here Nov. 5. I wanted to be sure to cast my vote on Nov. 7. And that trip perked me up." Seventy-two! (I wish I were that young!)

BESS FREEMAN ASKED ME if the David Pearlman I wrote of last week is any relation to me. No! But I wish he were! He is a cousin of my grand nephew, Cpl. Jack L. Pearlman, 19, in Italy, a combat gunner with the B-24 Liberator bomber group! By the way David is in the United States and sent word to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levin that their son, Robert, is much better (He, too, had trench foot after combat duty in Italy,) looks fine and is working with the office force at a base hospital over seas.

THE TEMPLE SISTERHOOD through the president, Mrs. Sidney Markowitz, has received an invitation from Mrs. Abe Kulwin, first vice-president and chairman of program of Beth-El Sisterhood to attend the latter Sisterhood's meeting, Monday, Jan. 8, at Beth-El Zedeck. Mrs. Israel Chodos will review "Joseph the Provider" by Thomas Mann. Such a friendly gesture, plus the splendid program, plus the charming young president Mrs. Hyman Grandé, and the equally lovable program chairman deserves a record attendance of the Temple Sisterhood members!

SO MUCH NEWS has come to me in notes from friends who are helping me earn my "Bread and butter." (Sotto Voce—Believe me, it has jam on it, and I get my favorite fruit. And chicken—twice a week, and steak and roast beef often). I'll move over if any good lady-friend wants to join me! Better be thin though! You'll gain weight!

HEARD BENJAMIN BLUMBERG of Terre Haute, Ind., has been re-elected a member of the board of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. He was on the train coming from Terre Haute when I returned from attendance at the banquet and program honoring Rabbi and Mrs. J. M. Taxay. His grey and brown eyes and height make him quite distinguished looking. He looks more like his late mother with the passing of years! Mrs. Max Blumberg, dearly beloved by all who knew her was a friend whose memory I hold in loving respect!

DR. LOUIS SEGAR was a former pupil of mine in our Temple religious school. He gives me the special privilege of calling him by a certain nick name, a rather undignified one but I love it! I am proud of a recent honor given him. He represented Don Herold of New York, president of the Indiana Alumni Association at Indiana University, December commencement exercises and received into alumni membership, 356 graduates. Dr. and Mrs. Segar's son, William E. Segar was among those receiving the B.S. degree in medicine. Of course, Beatrice Segar, his mother, was among those present—and, I know, with a deep sense of pride in her husband and her son!

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IN THE FEMININE WORLD

Miss Kahn Visits
In Milwaukee

Miss Helen Kahn is in Milwaukee spending a few days with Mrs. G. Rosenthal . . . Mrs. Albert Rosenthal is in New York visiting her daughter . . . Miss Augusta Selig left Sunday for Milwaukee to spend a week with her nephew, Capt. Robert Frisch and wife . . . Mrs. Florence Snewind of the Marott hotel, is leaving today (Friday) for Ohio to be with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Kaufman, for several weeks . . . Dr. Bernard Rosenak has joined his wife, Fannie Kiser Rosenak and family at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Kiser, where they are living for the duration. He is en route to reassignment . . . Mrs. Milton Simon has her son, 1st Lt. Robert Simon, with her on a twenty day leave. Lt. Simon, with the U. S. Navy, has been on active duty in the South Pacific . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Grande leave today (Friday) with their children, Donald and Richard, for Philadelphia, to visit Mrs. Grande's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Israel until after the New Year . . . Mrs. Hattie B. Feinberg has returned from New York City, where she visited her son and family . . . Miss Dvera Cohen was the guest of latest grandchild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kroot in Columbus, Mrs. Emanuel Meyer (Helene Ind., last week end . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Borinstein have re-

recently told of the death, overseas, of John Lowenthal—a young man, who, as a refugee, had come to Lafayette to make his home with his aunt, Mrs. Solomon Loeb. He enlisted after he was rejected as an alien. He insisted to the draft board that, as a Jewish refugee he could not be other than loyal to these United States that had given him a safe harbor. He was placed in "Intelligence." He was a linguist of marked ability. Though the Loeb's received word of his death, the particulars of his passing have not reached the Bertram and Sam Loeb's or their mother.

I want to add my tribute to John's gracious personality, his tender care of Mrs. Solomon Loeb, his courtesy towards all his fellow employees at Loeb's, his deep interest in this country, his faith in God and his loyalty to Judaism. Folks wrote me from Lafayette, that on the day, Rabbi Simon held memorial services for John Lowenthal there was never a more beautiful sermon, nor was there ever such a crowd during the ten years of this loved Rabbi's service there. Catholics, Protestants, Jews, all came by hundreds to the Temple because John had endeared himself to the entire community. A huge basket of flowers from some of his friends was on the altar. Untimely death? But what complete life! Every duty fulfilled, a soul in tune with the Eternal, a gift of His to act as an exemplar to all young manhood! And to have returned to God in the service of his adopted country! Somehow, I feel his soul smiles in contentment as he watches over those he loves on earth!

DR. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES of New York spoke at Purdue University a few weeks ago. You remember he delivered the sermon "Christianity's Debt to the Jew" to his own congregation, the sermon which is reprinted by The Post and distributed gratis to thousands of its readers. Someone in Indianapolis failed to grasp an opportunity! How easy to have had him here before or after his address in West Lafayette. Why doesn't the B'nai B'rith arrange an Indiana itinerary for him?

MY SYMPATHY is extended to my dear friend Edith Block Bernheimer, formerly of Terre Haute but now with her husband, Max Bernheimer of Billings Hospital. Edith was called to Cincinnati by the death after a few months illness of her sister, Miss Florence Block, Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. Funeral services and interment took place in Cincinnati Thursday, Dec. 14. She is survived by three other sisters in addition to Edith, Mrs. Samuel Murr and Miss Daisy Block of Cincinnati and Miss Fanny Block of Washington, D. C., They are nieces of the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gubin, Beech Grove, announce the birth of a son Howard, Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gubin of Beech Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berkovitz of Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaseff, 322 E. 46th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Jerie Lynn, Wednesday, Dec. 13 at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Samson, 5440 Kenwood Ave., announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Methodist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Klein, 4455 Marcy Lane, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Coleman Hospital.

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Bessie Calderon,
Morris Sokol
Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Calderon announce the engagement of their daughter, Bessie, to Mr. Morris Sokol, son of Mr. Harry B. Sokol of Charleston.

Mr. Sokol recently received an honorable discharge from the army after serving nineteen months in the South Pacific. No wedding date has been set.

Mrs. Newman
Returns to City

Mrs. Isadore Newman and children have returned to Indianapolis and are making their home temporarily with Mrs. Newman's sister, Mrs. Phillip Fox. Capt. Newman is in France . . . Dr. and Mrs. Henry I. Berger are vacationing in Miami Beach . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levin, who recently moved into their new home at 44 E. 46th St., have as their guests for the holidays their son, Franklin Levin, who is doing government research at Columbia University, and their daughter, Carolyn, who attends Purdue University . . . Rosanne Kahn returned Thursday from Ohio State University to remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maschke, until after Jan. 1 . . . Norma Lee Dannin is home for the week end from St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lafayette, Ind., where she is a cadet nurse. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Dannin . . . Helen Leventhal is with her sister, Mrs. Jack Goldfarb and family, in New York City for a visit . . . Mrs. Samuel Hahn and daughter, Hortense, are spending this week end in Dayton, O., with Mrs. Raymond Adler and family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Letzter and daughter, Lois, are in New York City for a several days stay . . . Mrs. Louis Wolf, with her grandson, Richard Glasser, attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Louise Janet Glasser, daughter of the late Julia Wolf Glasser, to Ensign Raymond Louis Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Grimes, Denver, Colo., which took place Nov. 28, in San Francisco, Cal. The young couple are living at Alameda, Cal. Mrs. Wolf and her grandson have returned from California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harding of Leonardtown, Md., formerly of Indianapolis, will be at the Marott Hotel December 27 for a few days stay. They are now with their daughter, Mrs. Herman Straus, Mr. Straus and little daughter in Evansville. They expect to return to Leonardtown Dec. 31.

Bar Mitzvah

Harry Cohen Wolf

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wolf announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harry Cohen Wolf, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Beth El Temple. A reception will be held from 3 to 6 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wolf, 5202 Washington Blvd. No invitations have been issued. Relatives and friends are invited.

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3 of 4 Nobel Prize Winners Jewish

Pictured at a luncheon given for the presentation of the Nobel prizes, arranged by the American Scandinavian Foundation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York: left to right, Dr. Edward A. Dolsy, winner of the Nobel prize in Medicine for 1943; Dr. Joseph Erlanger, medicine winner for 1944; Dr. Otto Stern, Nobel prize for physics, 1943 and Dr. Isidor I. Rabi, physics winner for 1944, all being congratulated by Wollmar F. Bostrom, Swedish minister. Dr. Erlanger, Dr. Stern and Dr. Rabi are Jewish.—Acme Photo.

Storm Plays Havoc

Services Cancelled First Time in History

By DORIS MILLER

Jewish Post Correspondent

ROCHESTER—A record-smashing snow-storm which strait-jacketed Rochester forced Temple B'rith Kodesh to cancel a Friday night Chanukah service the first such postponement in its 96 year history, within the memory of members. Elaborate preparation had been made for the holiday program at B'rith Kodesh, at which a Tableau and Handel Oratorio were to be presented.

The paralyzing effects of the storm raised havoc with many other events scheduled by the Jewish community.

Enormous quantities of food, including many roasted chickens, spoiled or was disposed of when a luncheon at Temple Beth El

Anglo-Jewish Publishers To Meet in Chicago

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MILWAUKEE — The first annual convention of the American Association of English-Jewish newspapers will be held at the Oak Park Arms Hotel in Chicago on Jan. 6 and 7, it was announced here by Irving G. Rhodes, secretary of the Association and publisher of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle.

Representatives of most of the major Anglo-Jewish newspapers throughout the country are expected to attend the meeting, which will discuss ways and means of strengthening the publications so as to extend their influence upon American Jewish life.

and a dinner meeting at Temple B'rith Kodesh were cancelled. Major Earl Stone, the first Jewish Chaplain in the United States Army, was the scheduled speaker for the dinner meeting at Temple B'rith Kodesh, a joint affair of the Men's Clubs of B'rith Kodesh and Beth El.

A regional youth institute of Young Judea was cancelled as was the monthly meeting of the Rochester Section, Council of Jewish Women.

UNRRA Names Jew

Special

MONTREAL—Miss Lottie Levinson, executive secretary of the Canadian Jewish Congress offices in Vancouver, has been named field worker for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

A meeting to form an Albany Park Chapter of the Reconstructionist Fellowship was called Tuesday in Chicago by Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn and A. E. Abromowitz and Mrs. Lillian R. Ott.

4 MIAMI GROUPS UNITE IN FUND DRIVE FOR NEW BUILDINGS AFTER WAR

By BRANWELL CHRISTOPHER

Jewish Post Correspondent

MIAMI, Fla. — Representatives of four of Miami's leading organizations formally drew-up a co-operative agreement calling for a unified fund-raising program. The

organizations are: the Miami and Miami Beach "Y"s, the Hillel foundation of the University of Miami, and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

These organizations with the co-operation of the Federation,

institute plans for the raising of capital funds to be used in post-war plans calling for the erection of modern structures to house the organizations and provide adequate facilities for the members. Funds will be raised from time to time through a campaign committee, in which all of the organizations will be represented and these funds will be used for building and equipment. Allocation of these funds will be made by a special committee representing all organizations. Plans of the cooperative fund-raising committee will be made public as soon as they are completely formulated.

520 Jewish Orphans Sent to Odessa

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUCHAREST—A transport of 520 Jewish orphans who were found in Transnistria when the territory was liberated by the Russian Army and who have been living in Bucharest for about six months, has left for Odessa where they will be raised in special children's homes.

Dr. Weizmann, addressing the Palestine-wide conference of the labor colonization group "Ha'Hityashvuth Haovedeth," expressed the belief that Palestine will not become a Jewish state immediately, though he declared that the younger people in Palestine are certain to see the results of their work. Speaking of the near future of Palestine, Dr. Weizmann said:

"How do I visualize this future? In the first place, we must get rid of the White Paper chains. When this is achieved, we will have to plan a great expansion of our work. I believe that if conditions in the world do not change for the worse and the leaders of nations, such as Churchill and Roosevelt, remain in their places, we will then proceed on the path leading to a Jewish State—maybe gradually."

The President of the Jewish Agency expressed the hope that the gates of Palestine will be opened to Jewish mass-immigration, though this, he said, is connected with the land problem.

Near Death



MISS SZOLD

Given Pencillin

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Grave fears were expressed here concerning the condition of Henrietta Szold, 84-year-old founder of Hadassah and pioneer Palestine social worker. Miss Szold is suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. Her physicians have been using penicillin in an attempt to check the illness.

RABBI QUESTIONS WHETHER U. S. JEWRY TO SURVIVE; PICTURE PESSIMISTIC

By H. W. BIERHORST

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

NEW ORLEANS, La.—"It is questionable whether American Jewry is going to survive," Rabbi Sylvan Schwartzmann of Congregation Children of Israel, Augusta, Ga., told the New Orleans chapter of Hadassah at their first annual donor luncheon.

We have transferred so many things from the home to the rabbi. There is no substitute for parents in influencing chil-

dren and in keeping alive customs, but these have been passed on to the rabbi. You are the last of the Zionist families. There will be no more refugees, no more stimulus from Europe."

Discussing the world situation, Rabbi Schwartzmann said that what of the Dumbarton Oaks conference showed there is no intention of going into any country and telling them what to do. "This means that Poland has the right to massacre Jews again. What looks pretty on paper can be useless in application. We saw this in prohibition because the people didn't want it."

"Some will say that after the war there will be no Jewish problem. That is not true. In France, where Jews have come out of hiding to claim what is theirs, French people have formed organizations to take possession of the Jews' property."

Mortimer May Re-elected

Special

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn., was reelected president of ZOA southeastern section, at the close of their three-day convention here. Isidore Seelig of New Orleans was elected vice president. Dr. Sydney Jacobs and Dr. Aaron Altschul, also Orleanians, were made members of the administrative committee.

The Palestine government's expenditure for the fiscal year of April 1st, 1944, to March 31, 1945, will total over \$100,000,000.

A transport of 958 Jews arrived in Palestine last week aboard the S. S. Taurus from the Rumanian port of Constantza.

N. Y. Jewish Children Intercede at White House

A delegation of thirty Jewish school children, representing the Jewish children of America, presented Vice President Henry A. Wallace a petition asking for government aid and help in rescuing the Jewish boys and girls of Europe and to make it possible for them to reach Palestine where they may live in security. Irving Gribetz, 14, of New York City, delivers the petition to Vice President Wallace, in behalf of the New York delegates. Acme Photo.



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More Views on The American Jewish Conference

American Jewish Conference Muddles Through; No Planning or Leadership

By **RABBI MARIUS RANSON**
Temple Sharey Tefillo, East Orange, N. J., delegate of "Newark, N. J., district" at the Conference.

Whatever hopes there were that the second session of the American Jewish Conference—the session just held at Pittsburgh—would result in the revitalization of American Jewry's movement toward unity, were dashed into fragments by the sorriest excuse for a convention or conference that has disgraced the American scene in many a year.

No one who attended this Pittsburgh Conference can justify the expenditure of time and money and energy, let alone the use of transportation and hotel facilities, in the light of the exhibition of unpreparedness, of the inability of the delegates to envision the problems of Jewry, and of the leaders to challenge real enthusiasm. As one of the delegates, a practical business man, put it to me, "We could have settled the issues of this Conference over the telephone."

That the Conference has, ever since its inception, been rapidly declining in importance in American Jewish life, has been apparent to everyone. It is now generally recognized that it was the failure of the so-called "Interim Committee" to communicate with the delegates and with the American Jewish public throughout the year, that was probably the most important single factor responsible for the decline of the Conference in importance in American Jewish life.

Majority of Delegates Returned

But the fact that the great majority of the delegates who attended the first session of the Conference were found again at the second session of the Conference at Pittsburgh shows that it was still hoped that some new life might be breathed into the organization.

The Interim Committee of the Conference had set up three Commissions: one on "Rescue," one on "Post-War Reconstruction" and one on "Palestine," and it empowered these small commissions to "utilize the services and seek the cooperation of existing agencies" in pursuance of their objectives.

The Conference was created as the instrumentality of the Jewish people of America, and so, of course, there was some justification in providing for a major opportunity for these commissions to give an accounting of their work.

One result of the Pittsburgh session of the Conference has been to give publicity to that sincere work which was carried on by the three commissions.

But if, as our Bible puts it, "the wounds inflicted by a friend are faithful," frankness compels one to say that proper preparation was not made for this Conference. Committees, effective within themselves, could not function vitally in the organic whole of the Conference because no arrangements had been made for the integration of the work of the Conference. The creaking of the wheels was disconcerting.

Indeed, there was no "spirit in the wheels." The discussion of the Conference could not be conducted on a high plane because there was no planning. More than one delegate said to me "this is an insult to our intelligence."

High Point on Sunday

The high point of this session of the Conference was reached at the beginning, at the sessions on Sunday afternoon and evening. The chairman of the General

committee, Louis Lipsky, characterized the Conference as "an agency to represent the Jews of America."

"That agency," said Lipsky, "must now take the initiative in the formation of a Council of Jewish representation which is to speak and act for the Jews of all lands."

Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith, and one of the three co-chairmen of the Conference, delivered the first formal address. As a summary of the accomplishments of the Conference since its convocation in September 1943, and of the activities of the Interim Committee, Monsky's report was sincere and effective. But surely something more was expected from this great leader who had taken the initiative in bringing the Conference into being. Some philosophy of the Jewish situation as it has unfolded in the past fifteen months should have been placed before the Conference if it was to justify this second session. Instead of this, Monsky contented himself with making an impassioned plea to the Conference against including the so-called "American scene" and against establishing a conference as a "permanent organization." Monsky warned that such attempts are "fraught with great danger to the Conference."

Debate on Scope

The Conference became a debating platform on the issue of whether its scope should be enlarged. Delegate after delegate expressed himself, some speaking for ten minutes, some being limited to five minutes. Many of them voiced the demand that the agenda of the Conference be broadened so as to include "the American scene," but there were others who insisted that the original "call" of the Conference be respected and adhered to.

The de-limiting nature of that original call had been carefully described by Henry Monsky, who had issued the call, at the beginning of the second session, as noted before. By the terms of this charter, the Conference was to conduct three activities — first, with reference to the immediate rescue of the Jews in Europe.

Monsky deliberately and emphatically warned the Conference that "the attempt to enlarge the scope and purpose of this Conference threatens to destroy its integrity and solidarity . . . disregards certain basic principles and fundamental understandings which must be respected if the Conference is to survive."

By many delegates this statement was interpreted to mean that the B'nai B'rith would walk out of the Conference in a body if the original conditions were altered. But after the voting took place, Henry Monsky begged the delegates to believe that he had not articulated "a threat," that to him the Conference was very dear, but of course he could not help but point out that the Grand Lodge of the B'nai B'rith might justly regard any breach of faith by the Conference "as evidence of a lack of proper perspective and sense of responsibility on the part of the Conference, and of course, he could not guarantee their continued adherence to the Conference under such conditions."

Community Delegates Not Bound

Some one tried to make the point that the original "call" bound only the organizations to whom it was issued, but that the delegates elected by the various American communities who participate in this Conference had never been part of such an agree-

ment, but this argument remained unanswered and was lost in the general melee. On the whole the Conference gave evidence of fear lest the original action of the American Jewish Committee in withdrawing from the Conference might be followed by other organizations, and undoubtedly this wholly admirable desire to save the Conference prevented dissension and chaos that under other conditions undoubtedly would have developed.

The Conference was saved; but what it was saved from—and what it was saved for—these are not so clear! Surely no one will depreciate the honest efforts of the three Commissions (on Palestine, on Rescue and on Post-War Reconstruction) to cope with the problems of the great Jewish tragedy of our day. Their work was sincere and honorable, and to the degree that was possible, effective. But at best only one of these three Commissions was effective because of the existence of an American Jewish Conference, and that was the Commission on Palestine. And the work of the Conference for the Commission on Palestine was finished with the adoption of the Resolution on Palestine which was passed at the first session of the Conference!

What is the function of the Conference? Is it to be merely a "sounding board," as some have suggested, an organization to speak with authority as "the voice of American Jewry" with reference to the righteous demands of the Jewish people for rehabilitation in post-war Europe and for the right to build our homeland in Palestine?

Surely this could not have been in the mind of those 459 delegates who went to Pittsburgh, some traveling thousands of miles, from distant points on the Pacific Coast or from the extreme southwest of our country. For the major part of the work of the "sounding board" character was completed at the first session of the Conference held fifteen months ago.

No, the principal mandate of the Conference is to achieve action and not to formulate resolutions. The Jewish constituencies of the delegates who went to Pittsburgh want the Conference to develop and grow and to become not only the voice of American Israel, but the arm as well.

Narrow Interpretation

No leader, and very few delegates at this Conference, attacked the central problem of Jewish tragedy today, with the possible exception of Rabbi Silver, and his formulation of the problem was too extreme to lead to concerted action with reference to the whole problem. Our leaders were engaged with technicalities involved in the original call, but the facts of Jewish life are too devastating to be held within any such narrow interpretation.

For the single and compelling fact is that this is the twelfth year of the Nazi war against the Jews of the world; and against the Jew, more than against any other people, the Nazi war is, as Herman Rauschning has described it, "the revolution of nihilism." Central in Nazi Germany's plan for world unsettlement is the war against the Jews. And, as all our leaders well know, the Nazis have found fellow travelers in every land, and specifically, even here in America, who are carrying on the war against the Jews.

Has any people ever successfully conducted a war, a war of defense, with three generals of equal rank? How can an organization with three co-chairmen be expected to succeed? Either you find yourself with "prima donnas" who are constantly at

Rabbi White Gives Correct Version Of His Statement at Conference

By **RABBI SAUL E. WHITE**
Congregation Beth Shalom, San Francisco, Cal.

I hope to comment at length at what we have achieved and what we have failed to achieve at the American Jewish Conference recently held at Pittsburgh.

Before doing so, I must register a protest against the carelessness or deliberate mischief by which my comments on the Conference, both verbal and written, on two occasions, have been distorted out of content and have given an entirely false impression of what I have said and written.

The Conference Bulletin in quoting my remarks at the opening of the general debate put it thus wise: "On the question of extending the scope of the Conference, Rabbi Saul E. White of San Francisco stressed the fact that American Jews look to the Conference for leadership and unity and therefore urged that the problems of American Jewry be included in the scope of the Conference activities." I said nothing of the sort.

The following is the statement I made and was available to the Conference Bulletin. The reader will judge the extent of the distortion and will wonder with me why the main issue was so sidetracked.

Listening to the eloquent addresses of the members of the presidium and that of the chairmen of the commissions, I felt that unless this session of the Conference developed a more critical attitude towards its shortcomings and failures,

loggerheads with one another, or you find yourself with leaders whose innate modesty prevents them from taking the helm lest they offend one another. Every organization needs a leader at the top who will assume responsibility. The first thing the Conference needs to do is to find a leader; and once having found him, to make him chairman.

Problem of Sovereignty

But second only to this first requirement of organization, we must recognize the necessity of pooling our forces in the war of defense that we are conducting. With us Jews it is, as it is with all peoples who are challenged to enter some unifying over-all organization, the old problem of sovereignty. Like the Dutch and Belgians and the French and the Poles, as well as the more powerful countries of Europe before the Nazi onslaught, we have been unwilling, and seemingly still are willing, to unite. As Henry Monsky put it at the Conference, "Does anyone imagine even the remote possibility of this Conference, as presently constituted, developing the capacity to take the place, or perform the functions of . . . agencies in Jewish life . . . which deal with combined budgets of upwards of fifty millions of dollars annually?"

This is the crux of the difficulty—that our leaders do not understand that an over-all organization brought into being to fight our war of defense need no more be conceived or as taking the place of, or performing the functions of, the existing agencies, than a United Nations Council need be visualized as dissolving the boundary lines of nations or liquidating the nationalities of peoples.

Unless our Conference finds its soul, it will fail to be the staff of strength it gave such brilliant promise of when it was organized,

even as it has already shown more than an adequate appreciation of its achievements, those who have not yet lost confidence in the future of the Conference will do so before long. Whether the Conference shall include the American scene in its deliberations and whether it shall ultimately become a permanent body is of less importance than the immediate task of establishing its authority in those spheres of activities to which it has been called and to which it is dedicated.

Handicap Too Great

Whether the Conference, composed as it is in its executive leadership of heads of national organizations, can overcome that initial handicap and be permitted by them to develop a voice and authority of its own is very doubtful.

No sooner had the first session of the Conference ended but the very organizations who called the Conference into being promptly ignored the commissions they created, redoubled their zeal in issuing independent memoranda, and clamored for exclusive attention as the saviors of their people. At no time was the parade of delegations to Washington on behalf of groups speaking for Israel as consistent and noisy as it has been during the past fifteen months. Sensing that an instrumentality had been forged which might loom large in the eyes of the Jewish and Christian world, they applied themselves to dwarf it to their own measure.

Tragedy Within

The average Jew has begun to sense that in addition to the tragedy that confronts him from without almost as serious is the tragedy from within—the reckless competitiveness and pettiness of his national organizations.

I believe that the same forces that whittled down the authority of the Conference and reduced it to another organization issuing petitions and memoranda, one of many other competing groups who issue even more frequently memoranda and resolutions, I believe that these forces continue to operate. No resolution that we pass of censure or exhortation can have for long a restraining influence on these organizations who depend so much for their support and enthusiasm for public notice of petitions and pronouncements. The Conference should consider ways and means of resolving a dilemma whereby its very leadership cannot permit it to merge as the authoritative spokesmen of Jewish hope and aspirations in regards to the world of tomorrow.

The average Jew feels himself thwarted, confused, and lost. Not only is he confronted with an unprecedented world wide calamity which robs him of his peace of mind, not only must he contend against increasingly organized anti-Semitism, but he senses that his leaders and organizations have let him down. He wants unity in Israel. Tell him a thousand times that that is not easily achieved. He knows no "Chochmes". He can't see why in this grave and threatening hour, organizations for the sake of prestige, for the sake of machinery, and even for the sake of ideology, cannot hammer out a program of action that will make them less ineffective and futile in his struggle for survival.



Are Your Services Like These?

GERMANY—Standing in the center of a group of "Dragon's Teeth," anti-tank fortifications on the German Siegfried line, a Jewish army chaplain conducts the first Jewish services on German soil since the Yanks drove into Naziland itself. Two of the soldiers wear prayer shawls. Others join in the prayers with the aid of prayer books.—I.N.S.

Rabbi Sees Little Objection to Carols

Special
FORT WAYNE—A common-sense view of the singing of religious carols in the public school is taken by Rabbi Irving A. Weingart in an editorial in B'nai Jacob Congregation's Bulletin. "Even though these carols are of a religious character and are Christmas hymns," Rabbi Weingart writes, "yet in school they are sung because of the beauty of melody as a part of class singing rather than as religious instruction."

In respect to the spirit of Christmas, Rabbi Weingart has this to say: "I have been asked by parents whether they should permit their children to sing Christmas carols in school. I have always felt that parents should not instruct their children one way or the other, but permit them to make their own decision."

"Firstly, we must recognize that the spirit of Christmas is in the air, at every turn, in the school, in the street; and its advent is heralded in every newspaper, over every radio, and in every display window. This holiday mood and pervading spirit we cannot combat or lessen by refraining from a song or two."

The spirit of Chanukah need not be lost, Rabbi Weingart declares: "What is imperative for us as Jewish parents is to explain, simply but clearly, to our children that Christmas is a Christian holiday as Chanukah is for us a holiday. We must dramatize and celebrate Chanukah in our homes with the full setting of kindling lights, song, exchange of gifts, games and festivity. We must permit our children to come under the influence of the Jewish school where their heroes, history and holidays are portrayed in their exalted positions and then supplement that teaching by home and school experiences, and our children's living and thinking will not be endangered by non-Jewish experiences."

The JDC is reopening its loan bank in Paris.

60 Relief Workers Ready for Balkans

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—Some 60 volunteers trained as relief workers under the auspices of the Vaad Leumi, Jewish National Council of Palestine, have received instructions to leave for Balkan countries at a moment's notice. They will be assigned to such areas as Greece, Albania and Yugoslavia.

"Influential" Jews Veto Kimberly Plan

World Wide News Service
SYDNEY—The Australian government was urged this week in a resolution by the executive committee of the Australian Council of Trade Unions to withdraw its opposition to the projected establishment of a Jewish settlement in the Kimberly section, while at the same time E. J. S. Collings, minister of interior, explained that "The most important and influential section of Jewish community is itself opposed to any such scheme."

"There is little likelihood of the Australian government acceding to the request of the Trade Union Council," Sen. J. S. Collings said.

Rumania To Return \$465,000 to Jews

World Wide News Service
BUCHAREST—The Rumanian Cabinet has voted to return to Jewish organizations the funds which were confiscated from them by the former pro-Nazi regime. It was announced here this week. It is estimated that, on the basis of the pre-war rate of exchange, the organizations will receive about 465,000.

Gort at Rehovoth

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—High Commissioner Viscount Gort visited the Jewish Agency's agricultural experimental station at Rehovoth, where he toured the laboratories with other Agency leaders.

There are 22,000 Jews in liberated Italy.

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B'nai B'rith Magazine Extends Greetings

Special
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Jewish Monthly, official publication of B'nai B'rith, world's largest Jewish service organization, today extended "to our neighbors all best wishes for the Christmas season" in an editorial expressing the hope that "in the coming year some of the lovely implications of Christmas will be fulfilled in the world."

The text of the Christmas editorial, which speaks for the 200,000 members of B'nai B'rith throughout the United States and Canada, follows:

"As has been our practice in December past, we extend to our neighbors all best wishes for the Christmas season."

"We hope that in the coming year some of the lovely implications of Christmas will be fulfilled in the world. Christmas, as we know it, is a season for bringing out and reviving the old ideal of peace on earth and good will to men."

"We really should like to see a permanent Christmas established in the world. This is to say, we should like to see a state of mind and heart in which men would be respected for their individual merits, not judged wholesale as groups. That is the essence of the good will which is of Christmas."

"In the time of a permanent Christmas—if it ever comes—men will respect religions other than their own as ways of life as decent as their own; they will respect other races as people created in the same divine image; they will respect skins of other colors as they respect the right of neighbors to wear garments of colors different from their own."

"With all this in mind, we wish our neighbors a good Christmas not only for December but for all the months to come."

WITH THE RABBIS

ST PETERSBURG, Fla.—Rabbi Emanuel D. Rothenberg, the new spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel, here, was officially installed by Rabbi Herbert J. Wilner also of St. Petersburg and Rabbi Benjamin G. Eisengerg of Tampa, Fla.

ERIE, Pa.—Rabbi Louis A. Josephson has been named Assistant to Rabbi Max C. Currick here.

Jewish Population Up to 5,199,000

Special
PHILADELPHIA—In the six years ending June 30, 1943, the Jewish population of the United States has risen to 5,199,000, representing an increase of 428,344, the 46th volume of The American Jewish Year Book, issued recently, disclosed. The ratio of the Jewish to the general population in 1943 is estimated at 3.7 per cent. In 1937 it was also 3.7 per cent.

The breakdown of the rise in Jewish population from 1937 to 1943 shows an estimated natural increase of 279,000 and a net increase from immigration to this country of 149,344. The estimated Jewish population, the book points out, is "derived from reports submitted by the various congregations and local communal leaders and, in some communities, through actual enumeration," an enumeration supplemented by research.

The Swiss government has agreed to admit 14,200 Jews from Hungary and to assign 810,000 Swiss francs (about \$186,300) for their care. About 1,300 Hungarian Jews were admitted to Switzerland last week.

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British Labor Party Would Transfer Arabs

World Wide News Service
LONDON—A statement of policy advocating a Jewish majority in Palestine and a voluntary transfer of Arabs to neighboring countries, as well as the extension of the present boundaries of Palestine through negotiations with Syria, Transjordan and Egypt, was adopted here by the convention of the British Labor Party.

Representatives of various groups participating in the convention decided to eliminate the words "Jewish Commonwealth" from a resolution on Palestine which will be presented at the convention and substitute for them the words "Jewish Homeland."

Steinbeck Not Jewish—Friends of Democracy

Special
BOSTON—In answer to many requests, the Propaganda Battlefront, official publication of the Friends of Democracy, has published information establishing the fact that John Steinbeck, author of many writing "with a conscience", is not a Jew. The article points out that its comments are in answer to charges made by native Fascist publication that Steinbeck is of Jewish ancestry.

Steinbeck himself is said to have commented, "I am sad for a time when one must know a man's race before his work can be approved or disapproved. It does not seem important to me whether I am Jewish or not..."

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BUY U. S. BONDS

—IN SERIAL FORM—

a guide for the bedevilled

—BEN HECHT'S NEW BOOK—

A second look revealed that the unused when I returned to the of six books were all of one title. They were six copies of "Thus Spake Zarathustra" by Friedrich Nietzsche. Nothing could have astonished me more. The only book on sale in this dust-bitten prairie town was a great, wild, half-intelligible work of philosophy!

As an avid admirer of Nietzsche, I was thrilled by this evidence of his unexpected popularity. But as a reporter, I was full of cynicism and curiosity. I entered the store, open because of its commerce in constipation cures. I expected to find some eccentric old scholar who was slyly peddling intellectual anarchy to his townsmen. A midwestern chromo rose from behind the counter—the bleary, toothless storekeeper who is as inevitable a part of a prairie town as its Civil War monument and its Sunday doldrums.

"I'd like a copy of that book in the window."

The weary merchant-druggist looked at me a little furtively.

"Thus Spake Zarathustra."

He nodded, cocked a suspicious eye and shuffled off. He returned with all six books.

"How many of 'em you want?" he muttered.

"They're all alike, aren't they?"

He nodded, reluctantly.

"One will do."

He sighed and handed me a volume.

"Are they selling pretty well?"

He shook his head.

"Have you got any other books?"

Again a shake of the head.

"Only this one," he said.

"How did you happen to lay in a stock of 'Thus Spake Zarathustra'?"

"I saw it advertised," he said,

"and I fell for it."

"I take it you were misled."

He nodded.

"Yep, I was misled. I thought the thing was a sequel to that Tarzan book. The names are practically the same. That Tarzan book went like hot cakes. Sold twenty of 'em last year. Only book I handled. When I saw this advertisement, I thought it was Tarzan who was talkin' and not somebody nobody ever heard of. So I ordered eighteen of 'em."

"Where are the other twelve?"

"Sold 'em. When I found out I'd been stung I kept my mouth shut. I just put the damn things in the window and let people figure it anyway they wanted. Twelve of 'em fell for it, same as me."

"Have you read the book?"

"You can't read it. It don't make sense."

"Did any of the customers return their copies?"

The merchant's eye lit up.

"Not a one. I figure they were too ashamed to come back with 'em."

"Ashamed of what?"

"Ashamed of being took in. Or maybe of admittin' they were too dumb to understand a book that was written plain in black and white."

"Do you remember the names of any of the people who bought the book?"

He weighed this for a while and then came to a conclusion.

"I ain't tellin'," he said.

I spent the next hours at my writing desk in the hotel lobby composing a feature story for my paper—Nietzsche in Carlinville! My editor handed it back to me

the unused when I returned to the of six books were all of one title. They were six copies of "Thus Spake Zarathustra" by Friedrich Nietzsche. Nothing could have astonished me more. The only book on sale in this dust-bitten prairie town was a great, wild, half-intelligible work of philosophy!

"The next time you put anything like this on the wire marked rush," he said, "you will be called in and handed over to a lunacy commission."

The Golem and the Rose

I tell this anecdote because I have always liked it and because this time it will not be thrust back at me with insults, and because I have always seen a symbol in it—not only of Nietzsche's relation to Germany, but of all high literary men's relation to the world. They are there by mistake and they inspire chiefly embarrassment or confusion.

Germany was Nietzsche's Carlinville during most of his life. The man went mad sitting like an impostor in its store window. And I think it likely he would go out of his mind all over again were he to peer from his grave and see all the Nazis playing ride-a-cock horse with him. For he was never a cool head nor one given to laughing at jokes. The only joke he knew was Germans and he did not laugh at them. He stood in their midst and cursed brilliantly, lyrically, and until the day he dropped dead.

He found a certain cheer in this for he fancied that some day the Germans would read him, blush with shame, and mend their ways. It is the weakness of all philosophers that they dream of making the world more honest. They succeed usually in providing the Devil with more Scripture to quote.

I write of Nietzsche because he is more than a philosopher. He is a German phenomenon. A nation is revealed in him. He is German in the same way that Shelley and Swinburne are English. Like these and other English poets who gave expression to something that did not exist in the English—to wit, poetry—Nietzsche was the voice of a non-existent thing among the Germans—egoism and awareness.

These anarchic and repudiating voices are to be found in all lands. They are the few eagles hatched by the many hens. In the days before politics obscured all other values, they bore the proud name of artists.

There is a historical value to these artists. It is by studying them that we can locate the missing side of a people. The artists point always in the same direction—to the absent virtues.

It is for this reason that they are loved (almost as soon as they are dead). The people find a completion in them. The dullest and most inarticulate of Englishmen add Keats and Shelley to their bookshelves and become presto! part of a race of soaring lovers. That they remain quite the opposite is of no importance. Keats and Shelley are not alive to contradict them. They are no longer anarchists, but assets. Their genius becomes something everybody can own. The Russians, who are the most addleheaded of people, think they are Dostoevsky. The French, who measure life by sous and francs, think they are the Latin Quarter. And just as the most unromantic Englishman (of whom there are quite a few) dreams of himself as a creature in Keatsian mold, so it is with the Germans and Nietzsche. The Germans and Nietzsche. The German with the mustachioed Friedrich on his bookshelf can be an egoist and a "superman." He is as little that



BENNY LEONARD
Second to Win It

Benny Leonard Wins Edward J. Neil Plaque

By LOU BERLINER

Jewish Post Correspondent
NEW YORK—Remember Benny Leonard, who was quite prominent in the professional boxing ring from 1912 all the way to 1932? Well he's now Lt. Com-

as he would be a king if he put a paper crown on his head. Nietzsche, being dead and silent, his scorpion whips buried with him, is unable to intrude in the matter. He becomes a crown for fools, a flower the Golem raises to his nose for a whiff of life not in him.

It was inevitable that he should die full of torture and mania, for his birth was too difficult a one. He died in a madhouse screaming that he was being crucified. His biographers see in this evidence that he felt guilty of his long attack on Christianity and was atoning mysteriously by dying on a phantom cross.

This is grandiose nonsense. Nietzsche never attacked Christianity or Christ. He attacked only Germans and their various intellectual belches that they called by different names.

All that I write of Germans was known much better to this long Teutonic eagle. He wrote: "He who is well-disposed towards the Germans must consider how he may more and more grow out of what is German. The tendency to be un-German has always been a mark of efficient members of our nation."

Throughout his life, Nietzsche strove to remove the stigma of Germanism. He hurledrodomontades at German slavishness, thundered lyrically at German impurity and vulgarity. No artist ever called more names. He was like a man of wit and delicacy mysteriously hatched in a cabin full of grunting uncles and shoeless aunts. He was too honest to flee from them—too fascinated, also. He tried instead to wipe their noses and, in other ways, unvulgarize them. He wrote twenty-three books of etiquette.

But he saw always deeper than he wrote—a fact that sometimes makes his paragraphs unintelligible. At the end he saw the pool of blood in which the German sat. ("The Germans are barbarians—and worse.") He saw that his aunts and uncles were not only kin of vast vulgarity, but that they were gifted with a secret talent for murder unknown to other people. He saw the backward sadism, the killer stare in the watery German eyes. And all his thinking went to pot when he confronted the German criminals sitting around his own kitchen table. They were his kith and he must sit among them, shuddering and crying out at the end, "h, these Germans, what have they not cost us already!"

(Continued Next Week)

SPORTS

mander Benny Leonard of the Maritime Service and last week was named as the winner of the Edward J. Neil Plaque for being the individual who did the most for boxing during the year 1944.

Selected by the New York Boxing Writers Association, Leonard will receive the award on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in New York. The late Mr. Neil was an Associated Press sports writer and later a war correspondent, losing his life in line of duty.

Leonard thus becomes the second Jewish sportsman to win the Neil award. Marine Sgt. Barney Ross was winner of the plaque in 1942.

Lt. Comm. Leonard retired from active boxing in 1925 as undefeated lightweight champion after holding the title for eight years. The boxing record book shows Leonard engaged in 218 fights during his career, winning 71 by knockouts. He lost only three times by knockouts and once on a foul during his long career.

ENSIGN SID LUCKMAN, the Chicago Bears passing ace, finished second to Frank Filchok of the Washington Bears, in the forward passing department of the National Football League. Luckman played only part-time this season, being with the Bears when his ship was docked in the states. He completed 71 out of 143 passes for a total yardage gained of 1018. Eleven of his passes were good for touchdowns, the longest being for 86 yards against Boston on Nov. 12. Filchok completed 78 out of 132 for total yardage of 1107 with 13 of the passes being good for touchdowns.

Information soon will be forthcoming on the official change in name of the newly organized B'nai B'rith Bowling Congress. We understand the organization is really going big-time.

Si Burick, the son of a Dayton, Ohio, Rabbi, is sports editor of the Dayton Daily News. Popular in Ohio and mid-west sports circles, he is also a sports commentator on Dayton's leading radio station WHIO.

Lou Trabitz of Cleveland, Ohio, and a former Ohio State basketball captain, is now an officer in the Navy.

Marshall (Piggie) Goldberg, former Pittsburgh football great, is now in service to Uncle Sam and until two weeks ago was a member of the Fort Pierce amphibious eleven, one of the South's better service grid squads.

There are still several classy Jewish boxers in the game today. Morris Relf, 23-year-old Brooklynite, is going good in the 135-pound division. He knocked out Mike DeStephans in the third round at Hartford, Conn., recently. Relf started his pro career in 1941. Maxie Berger, Jewish Canadian from Montreal, decisioned Alex Doyle in

Trenton, N. J., in his latest start. He tips the scales at 142 and has been fighting since 1935.

Hirsch Jacobs, America's leading horse trainer in 1944, is assembling at Tropical Park at Miami a considerable group of thoroughbreds from all parts of the country to run in the Miami area this season. The latest count of Jacobs horses at the track brought the number to 26, while in addition, Brother Eugene has half a dozen in the same barn.

A Letter to You

From A Rabbi's Wife

Dear Mrs. Greenhill:

We are planning to name our first born son Ralph Reuben Levi Mann, and want to know if it is proper to commemorate the names of three separate members of the family. They are my late grandfather, my late father and my uncle, who was killed in action. Thank you for a speedy reply.

MRS. L. K. MANN.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mann:

There is nothing in Jewish law to limit the number of names that a child may be given. The pious sentiment of our people, to commemorate the names of honored and beloved departed by conferring the name on an infant, is desirable.

Jewish law is very sensitive to the needs of domestic peace within the household. While you may give your child all the names you wish, I would not advise it.

A little child should not have a long list of given names (as was the custom in royalty). You cannot expect your child to memorialize all the honored departed.

Moreover, a word of particular warning should be given you as a young mother. The three names that you have in mind have all been chosen from members of your side of the family. None of the names suggested have any association with your husband's family. For that reason, I cannot advise a long series of first names.

JEANETTE GREENHILL.

Jewish Groups Get Race Track Gift

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the United Jewish Appeal were among none Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and non-sectarian organizations which this week received a total of \$764,231.58 as racing's contribution to charities. The funds were raised at a nine-day Cictory meeting last month at Belmont Park.

A traveling exhibit of Palestine industrial projects, in which over 150 firms are represented, has been shipped from Palestine on a tour of Cyprus and Turkey.

The J.D.C. has purchased \$1,000,000 worth of goods in Palestine and Teheran for shipment to Jews in liberated Poland.

FORMER UNDERGROUND LEADER FORMS FRANCE'S FIRST A.Z.A. CHAPTER

Special

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An 18-year-old leader of the French underground movement in Paris has assumed the leadership of the first chapter of Aleph Badiq Aleph, B'nai B'rith's organization for Jewish boys of high school age, to be organized in liberated France.

Organized by Sgt. William Katz, an alumnus of the Canonsburg, Pa., AZA Chapter, who is stationed in Paris with the American Army, the Paris AZA Chapter is

the third to be organized in Europe since the beginning of the war. The other two are in Leeds and Birmingham, England, the latter through the efforts of Sergeant Katz.

The new chapter has 12 members who meet in the room of Joe Degen, who served in the Paris section of the French underground during the German occupation. He was credited with saving many Jewish children from the Nazis.

Strictly Confidential

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

Things to Watch

The case of the resignation of Rabbi Englander of Kingston, N. Y., will rock Jewish circles when the circumstances are made public. . . . There's an unsavory story of intimidation of the trustees of his congregation—of threats that their businesses would be boycotted if they did not disavow their Rabbi. . . . The Rabbi's only crime was his protest against the teaching of Christian prayers to Jewish pupils in the public schools. . . . The reason why an advertisement telling of the Anmuth beating case of Philadelphia was rejected by the Philadelphia Record is that pressure was applied by a group of Jewish leaders. . . . These gentlemen do not believe in publicizing anti-Jewish outrages. . . . Virtually every Jewish community in the United States reports an increase in anti-Semitic incidents. . . . But the policy of our defense organizations is to keep this situation from the public eye. . . . We're told, incidentally, that the American Society for the Control of Cancer has one unbreakable rule: No Jew on its board. . . .

Behind the Zionist Front

The crisis in Zionist leadership is very acute. . . . Basically the issue is this: Should the Zionist trust in Roosevelt's pre-election promise on Palestine? . . . The Stephen S. Wise group says Yes. . . . The Abba H. Silver group says No. . . . That's why Dr. Silver pressed for the re-introduction of the Palestine Resolution which was tabled by order of the State Department. . . . Don't be surprised if both Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver resign from the co-chairmanship of the Zionist Emergency Council. . . .

Literary Notes

Appearing on January 3, 1945, is "Justice for My People," by Ernst Frankenstein. . . . Frankenstein lives in London, a refugee from Hitlerism. . . . He is one of the world's greatest juridical experts. . . . His book brings the Jewish case before the highest tribunal of all—the conscience of mankind. . . . Congratulations to the editors of the Chicago Jewish Forum, a quarterly, and one of the best Anglo-Jewish publications in America. . . . Alfred Werner, the well-known Austrian writer who now is in this country, is one of its editors. . . . Gilbert W. Gabriel has another best-seller to his credit. . . . This one's called "I Got a Country," and is about Alaska. . . . Watch out for Gertrude Stein's description of life in present-day France, due in Collier's. . . . To the best of our recollection this is the first time that Gertie's esoteric prose is appearing in a large-circulation magazine. . . .

About People

The publicity genius behind the current Sixth War Bond drive, to which we trust you have oversubscribed your personal quota, is none other than Irv Kupcinet, who used to be our colleague on the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate staff. . . . Irv, you surely remember, writes a nifty sports column. . . . Congratulations to Dorothy S. Thackrey, owner and publisher of the New York Post, on the marriage of her daughter, Adele Hall, to Air Force Lieutenant Arthur Gray, Jr. . . . The new Mrs. Gray is a great-granddaughter of the late Jacob H. Schiff. . . . When the U. S. Seventh Army captured the Alsatian town of Hochfelden not long ago, one Sergeant Rene Levy of Brooklyn was made honorary mayor of the place. . . . This in recognition of the fact that Hochfelden is the Sergeant's birthplace, which he left 15 years ago. . . . His inspection of the town showed him that many things have changed since he lived there—and he was particularly shocked to see that the old synagogue in which he had become Bar Mitzvah had been used by the Nazis as a stable. . . .

Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

DIRECTOR MERVYN LEROY and staff this week looked at 10,000 feet of newsreels on pre-war Palestine to line up sketches of buildings and customs of ancient time for acts and customers on RKO's "The Robe," which he will direct. Mervyn discloses to that out of over 1,000 applicants thus far interviewed for roles in the two-million-dollar production, only six have been selected for tests. Anyway, the boy genius is doing nip-ups over the telegram from General Hap Arnold about his new picture "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." It's that good!

Harry James, the man with the horn, will team with Danny Kaye on and after Jan. 6 to beckon listeners for a beer company. The number one comedian and the number one band should make a team of CBS too, since that network

will also carry Frank Sinatra the same night. In the musical department Hary and his band are hard to beat. Same can be said for Danny.

Joel Kupperman, 8-year-old mathematical marvel of the marvelous "Quiz Kids," will come to Hollywood next summer for picture work that will bring him \$3,000 a week. No stranger to the lot, Joel spent last summer at Universal Studios, where he made "Chip Off the Old Block" with Donald O'Connor at a weekly salary of \$2,000. The pert little "mathemagician" is under contract to Producer Jack Skirball. Options provide a stipend of \$4,000 a week for Joel's third picture and \$5,000 a week for his fourth. At his parent's request, the youngster's movie making will be limited to the summer vacation so that his schooling will not be interrupted.

RKO studios has signed an agreement with Edward Chodorov for the playwright to do a legitimate play to order. This is the first deal of its kind in the annals of Hollywood Broadway

Editorial Winner



Bradley L. Morison, editorial page editor of the Minneapolis Daily Times, whose editorial, "The Poisons of Intolerance," won first place in the nationwide newspaper Americanism editorial contest sponsored by the National Americanism Commission of B'nai B'rith.

transactions, which, in the last two years, have brought film money closer and more plentifully to Broadway production than ever before. RKO will finance Eddie's stage play and then film it. Chodorov was last represented on Broadway with "Decision," which he wrote and directed last year. Columbia purchased the screen rights.

When Bob Hope learned that his statue by Sculptor Max Kalish was to be in the Hall of Fame, he said it was the only time he didn't mind being a bust.

John Garfield is considering opening a restaurant in Hollywood where actors can go to look at yokels.

Comedian Victor Borge is getting laughs by taking a cigarette from his pocket, flourishing it and then explaining, "A friend of mine sent me this from overseas."

Ben Hecht is telling all his friends in Hollywood about the German general who called his entire staff together and commanded: "Pass these orders on to your commands. No more looting! No more robbery! No more rape! We are now on German territory!"



Between You and Me

By BORIS SMOLAR

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, for reasons unknown to Zionist leaders, seems to have modified his stand with regard to Palestine. . . . This was indicated by a letter be sent to several members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee while the Palestine Resolution was being considered. . . . In this letter the President com-

BEHIND THE SCENES

pared the number of Jews who might wish to go to Palestine with the many millions of Moslems who oppose Jewish development there. . . . It can now be disclosed that Secretary of State Stettinius had a hard time convincing the Foreign Relations Committee to shelve the Palestine Resolution. . . . He appeared before the committee several times and it was only after he agreed to issue a statement placing responsibility on the State Department for shelving the resolution that he succeeded in securing the deferment. . . . This can be taken as proof that the efforts of the Zionist Emergency Council to gain increased sympathy for Jewish claims on Palestine among members of Congress have not been in vain. . . . Even now many members of Congress are asking why it was necessary to kill the Palestine Resolution when President Roosevelt and the conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties definitely went on record supporting the demands contained in it. . . . At any rate, new efforts will have to be made by the Zionists in this country should they decide to re-introduce the resolution in the next session of Congress. . . . And it is hardly likely that the resolution will be re-introduced because of the serious split which is developing within the ranks of the Zionist leaders in this country.

Many believe that the friction within the ranks of the Zionist Emergency Council is greatly responsible for the fact that the FIGHTING FOR POWER Palestine Resolution was killed by the Senate Committee. . . . It is known that not all leaders of the Emergency Committee main-

tained the same attitude on the question of whether or not to agree on deferment of the resolution. . . . And it is no secret that while one prominent Zionist leader appeared before Secretary Stettinius to oppose deferment of the resolution; another prominent Zionist leader wired Stettinius that he would agree to such a deferment. . . . This conflict behind the scenes may lead to the resignation of some of the principal figures in the Zionist Emergency Council. . . . There are three groups within the Council, each having a different view on the present situation. . . . One group, led by Rabbi Wise, takes the attitude that if President Roosevelt is opposed to bringing the Palestine Resolution before Congress, his wish should be complied with. . . . Another group, led by Rabbi Silver, thinks that the Washington Administration may have one stand with regard to the Palestine Resolution, but Congress may have a different view, thus the fight for the resolution must go on. . . . The third group feels that President Roosevelt apparently has a certain plan with regard to Palestine and that he does not need Congress to carry out this plan. . . . This group, therefore, takes the attitude that the Palestine issue should be left in the hands of the President for the time being, but that action on the resolution should not be deferred indefinitely.

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Give Blood to the Red Cross

Rabbi Reaching Mexico From Spain Gives Answer to Question, Is Franco Anti-Semitic

By MARCEL JOVER

Jewish Post Correspondent

MEXICO CITY (By Airmail)—Is Franco and his regime anti-Semitic?

That question was answered in the affirmative by Rabbi Menahem Coriat, who has arrived here after escaping from Franco's tyranny, and who gave me this interview.

Franco and Spanish reactionary elements early charged the Jews with being part of the group which corrupted the democratic world, Rabbi Coriat pointed out. The slogan, "It is necessary to wipe out International Jewry," was used frequently with Franco's Riffian army.

Opened Up After War

The civil war once over, Franco, according to Rabbi Coriat, gave his henchmen a free hand against the Jews. Thus, Garcia-Sanchis, who had been recently appointed member of the Royal Academy of the Language, was one of the first to introduce the absurd argument: "That without Franco's providential victory Spain would be a territory exploited by the Jews."

He also wrote: "International Jewry, expelled from Central Spain by the Aryans, tried to set foot in Spain. It had already organized a Communist regime in which only they (the Jews) were to obtain the best slice. For this reason, the Jews supplied the Reds with all the weapons and all the money that were necessary to continue to fight the civil war. . . ."

The journalist Manuel Aznar, regarded as

Franco's Gayda, although today he writes in a milder tone due to present circumstances, wrote the following: "What would become of Spain without a regime strongly defended against the attacks of International Jewry? And what would have become of Europe if we had not flattened Judaism in our war of national resurrection? . . . A regime in favor of Judaism in our country would have been an obstacle for Germany's appalling victory. . . ."

Servants of Judaism

Another colleague of Aznar—Pujol—stressed that "Roosevelt and Churchill were nothing but two blind servants of Judaism."

In this way Franco's Spain revived anti-Semitism.

Franco's Spain was assigned the job of spreading anti-Semitism in Latin America in Hitler's scheme of spreading hatred of the Jew throughout the world. To some extent the scheme has succeeded, although the brand of hatred exported by Franco was overdone in Latin America.

A professor of the University of Lima, Peru, asked the following question of one of Franco's ambassadors: "But are there many Jews in Spain?"

The diplomat, a bit embarrassed by the question, answered: "No, there are hardly any. But you can imagine what would happen if there were many!"

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Sutin Answers Dr. Morgenstern
An Jewish U. in America

To the editor,

Dr. Morgenstern's letter in opposition to the establishment of a Jewish University merits an answer. Firstly, because he disagrees with his predecessor, Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, who first recommended the establishment of a Jewish University in 1859 when he was president of District No. 2 B'nai B'rith. And secondly, because he refutes the reasons usually given for such an institution, instead of the real reasons.

Dr. Morgenstern asserts that Judaism has something to contribute to American civilization, but it must be in the field of religion, social ethics and the human relations. This is true but it seems confusing to say that these are not inclusive in the field of education. Nevertheless, this contribution has already been made on paper. The time has now arrived to translate this contribution into the daily practice of Jewish people.

Although Judaism has much to offer in the field of social ethics and human relations, it has no effective vehicle with which to reach Jewish people. Almost any Rabbi will admit that Jewish religious institutions have failed "to raise the ethical behavior of Jews to the level demanded by traditional Jewish standards of integrity and decency." (Reconstructionist, December 15, 1944). Judaism has much to offer spiritually, but it has rigidity of ritual in two groups and none in the other which together have driven Jews to indifference.

The major purpose for a Jewish University is to train Jewish leadership—teachers and educators who can return to Jewish communities in the United States and set up programs for emerging Jewish youth which will include Jewish history, Hebrew and the arts, not in parochial schools upon which subject I have no opinion yet, but in non-public school hours, up through the high school period. The number of hours required for such a program will vary with the community. This will give them a background which will sustain interest and integrity until the university is reached.

Secondly, such an institution would become a Jewish cultural sanctuary in America. Here would develop an American Jewish literature, books, music and painting. I can even envisage progress in the fields of science, medicine and the law. Here the social ethics of Judaism, emphasis in the field of human relations could be developed scientifically. Judaism has met the impact of earlier civilizations with great success. In each instance, it discarded those concepts which hindered its progress and absorbed those which moved it forward. That has been the reason for its survival.

It is now in contact with the American civilization. Today, we see no evidence of Judaism meeting that challenge. Students of American Jewish life point toward assimilation, indifference, disintegration. The situation is approaching that point as dangerous as the impact of Hellenism during the height of the Greek empire. If a reaction is to set in, it must come from the vision and energy of some strong Jewish movement. We

cannot depend upon fate or God to do it for us.

This whole reasoning is based upon the principle that America is a mosaic of cultures, and that the strength of America depends upon the strength of each different group cemented with respect. If in this sense, a Jewish cultural sanctuary in America is separatist and isolationist, then I am for it.

It was indeed surprising to note Dr. Morgenstern's concern with the cost of such a project. He indicated indirectly that if we could raise the large amount necessary, we would have a "Jewish University of such outstanding character and upon such a scale that we Jews would have every reason to be proud of it." This is not an attempt to distort his sentence, but a careful reading of it leaves no alternative. Certainly it is not a question of money. We spend twice as much money each year defending the Jewish people than would be required to build and operate and eventually endow such an institution. The Jews of America spend a great deal of their money in the wrong direction because they are not mentally equipped to know better.

Name for Jewish U. Chosen;
University of America

To the editor,

Noted with great interest a letter in the columns of your paper from L. M. Birkhead, Friends of Democracy, New York, endorsing the establishment of a Jewish-founded non-sectarian university.

I have been informed by Mr. A. Lincoln Wisler, of Chicago, and his group of businessmen who are seriously planning the establishment of a university that it is not their intention

Idea of Jewish U.
Not New—Dickstein

To the editors,

There has been a discussion in your columns on the advisability of establishing a Jewish University in the United States along the lines of the Catholic Notre Dame University. We have like universities in this country like the Yeshiva College in New York and Dropsi College in Philadelphia. So the idea is not a new one.

Of course there are any number of Jewish parochial schools of the elementary and high school grade which could serve as a nucleus for a Jewish university, but I am not prepared to say that the existing Jewish Colleges are not sufficient for the purpose. In fact, I am inclined to believe that neither of the two Jewish Colleges suffers from overcrowding and many students attend them only because they are able to obtain scholarships to study therein.

Before a new Jewish College should be established, we must be sure that there is a real demand for it. Unfortunately, even the existing schools, in spite of the fact that they seek to maintain an atmosphere of general education, have become training schools for Rabbis.

Sincerely yours,
CAMUEL DICKSTEIN
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

In one of his annual messages to the student body of the Hebrew Union College, Dr. Morgenstern said that for the past three-quarters of a century, anti-semitism has created within us a decidedly inferiority complex. His remedy is that we fear only God, our Maker, and do his will. I should like to know whether he believes that our present institutions are effectively leading the Jewish people in America toward that goal?

Sincerely,

LEWIS R. SUTIN
Terre Haute, Ind.

Editor's Note: Just for the record, Mr. Sutin's place in the unfolding picture of a movement to establish a Jewish University should be stated. Mr. Sutin, as retiring president of District No. 2, recommended the study of just such an institution. In furtherance of the plan, he was appointed chairman of the committee of the B'nai B'rith.

In order to secure public reaction to the proposal, Mr. Sutin wrote a letter to the "Freedom of the Press" section of this paper asking for comment. This resulted in a letter from A. Lincoln Wisler, of Chicago, who told of a group of Chicago business men who were ready with funds to proceed with the plan. Another letter, from David Paulli, attorney of Atlantic City, N. J., followed and Mr. Wisler ordered 2,000 reprints of it. Rabbi Morgenstern's letter, which Mr. Sutin here answers, and others have continued the public discussion.

In the past there have been many other plans for the establishment of a Jewish University but none of these has gotten much farther than the discussion stage.

to make it a strictly denominational affair, which would mark us as a separate group.

It seems to me that in a discussion on this subject, it should be made clear that the idea is to establish only a Jewish-founded university, which would make no distinction with regard to nationality.

American business men who have sons and daughters are tired of having to bow to a quota system in our universities. I have been informed that the name to be adopted will be the University of America. That name itself signifies the type of university which is being planned.

Because of the greater amount of initial publicity given this project in Chicago, many trade organizations are endorsing the idea. Among them are: The Furniture Men's League of Chicago, Sam Levy, president; Druggist Fraternity of Chicago, Leon Rosenman, president; Wood Products Association, L. Victor, president.

Every liberty-loving American who believes in a liberal education for their children is for the idea.

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Special medical teams formed in Switzerland by the World OSE Union (World Society for the Protection of the Health of Jews) will shortly be dispatched to south-eastern Europe to assist in the rehabilitation of the devastated Jewish communities in the Balkan countries and sections of liberated Hungary.

Rededication of the first synagogue in Belgrade to resume services since the Yugoslav capital was liberated from the Germans took place last week.

RABBI SMITH WRITES OPEN LETTER
TO THREE RABBINICAL GROUPS

Dec 18, 1944

An Open Letter to:

The Rabbinical Council of America.

The Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Central Conference of American Rabbis.

To My Colleagues in the Rabbinate:

I think you will agree with me that the disgracefully malevolent disavowal of a courageous rabbi's stand in Kingston, New York, by his president and board of directors constitutes a crowning insult to the rabbinate of America. A few more of these incidents and the complete corrosion of Jewish religious authority and dignity will have been assured. Such acts bring ignominy not only to the rabbinate but to all self-respecting Jewish people who, in my opinion, are in the majority but simply not as vocal as the others.

Since when does synagogue presidency and membership in the board of directors give the right to any man to usurp the rabbi's religious authority to act as spokesman of the Jewish religion and people? Since when must the rabbi speak the "views of the congregation" when matters of religion and principle are involved? Since when is the rabbi a figurehead who must obsequiously and fawningly follow, rather than vigorously lead, the public opinion of his congregation in matters of religion? How appalling is the "chutzpah" of these Kingston people!

It is time, I think, that we make it clear that the rabbinate is not composed of a body of timid and moribund spiritual leaders, as has been so fallaciously bandied about these past years.

I, for one, am fed up with the trepidity of those who would prevent their rabbis from speaking out against the injustices perpetrated against our people lest we hurt the feelings of those who are guilty of the injustice. Enough of this cowardly cringing!

Sisterhood Marks Jubilee

Special

NEW YORK—The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun here, celebrated the 50th year of its founding by a Jubilee program last Sunday. The Sisterhood was founded by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise when he was Rabbi of the Congregation in 1895.

S. S. Syrkin Launched

Special

NEW ORLEANS—The memory of the late Dr. Nachman Syrkin, noted Labor Zionist leader of a generation ago, was honored on Dec. 19 by the launching of the Liberty Ship S. S. Nachman Syrkin here.

Governor at Services

Special

RICHMOND, Va.—Colgate W. Darden, Jr., governor of Virginia, was the guest speaker at Chanukah services held Sunday, Dec. 17, at Sir Moses Montefiore Congregation. An honor roll was dedicated to members of the congregation now serving in the armed forces.

Dr. Samuel Dinin, Associate Professor of Education at the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has been granted a leave of absence to accept a call from the Los Angeles community to head its newly-created Bureau of Jewish Education.

My sense of dignity as a rabbi and a Jew suffers severe lacerations whenever such incidents come out in the open. I believe the time has come to stop these synagogue and communal regents whose thermometer of wealth registers considerably higher than their thermometer of self-respect and wisdom and who think their wealth gives them the right to assert the religious views of the community above and beyond the authority of the rabbi. I refuse to believe that we must, in mute bewilderment and submissiveness, continue to swallow these bitter pills and do nothing but await the next irresponsible outbreak of "hefkerus" to cascade down the chute of Jewish life and hit us all in the face.

I, therefore, suggest, colleagues, a "cheram," an edict of excommunication against this Kingston congregation to the effect that no one of our members may occupy its pulpit or minister to any of its members until the wrong has been righted (possibly through the resignation of the present president, and a written apology to Rabbi Englander by the Board). I suggest further, a similar "cheram" by the rabbinate on all congregations which in the future shall be guilty of heaping such flagrant indignities upon our members and upon the Jewish people as a whole.

Fraternal yours,

HAROLD P. SMITH

Rabbi, Temple Beth El
Gary, Indiana

Obituaries

Philip Tworoger

SEATTLE, Wash.—Philip Tworoger, prominent Jewish and civic leader, died here suddenly at the age of 75. Mr. Tworoger took a prominent part in the affairs of Seattle Lodge B'nai B'rith and was active in Herzl Conservative Congregation and other local Jewish organizations.

Isaac Rosensweig

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Isaac Rosensweig, 75, a merchant in Phoenix for 50 years died in a local hospital following a short illness.

Joseph Utkin

MOSCOW — Joseph Utkin, a prominent Soviet Jewish poet, who had seen active service in the Civil War and in the present conflict has been killed in an airplane crash, it was learned here. He was 41.

Mrs. Kate Bendheim

RICHMOND, Va.—Mrs. Kate M. Bendheim, 80, member of an old Richmond family, died Dec. 15. Born here June 21, 1864, Mrs. Bendheim was the daughter of the late Rabbi M. J. Michelbacher and Mrs. Miriam Angle Michelbacher.

Meyer B. Resnick

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Meyer B. Resnick, director of the Southwestern Region of the Jewish National Fund, died of a heart attack in Corpus Christi last week.

Dr. Henry Jelen

CHELSEA, Mass.—Dr. Henry Jelen, probably one of the oldest Jewish physicians in the East, died here Thursday at 78.

One-third of the entire Jewish population in France will require relief to get through the winter months.

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS

I Think as I Please

By MRS. CARL ALPERT

How to Interview a Rabbi

THE Jewish community in the city of J— is in the throes of engaging a new rabbi to serve as spiritual leader of the Conservative synagogue. Intent on getting the best leadership available, and fearful lest hasty action might result in encumbering the community with a rabbinical white elephant, the synagogue's board of directors arranged a series of meetings, socials, services, conferences and miscellaneous gatherings designed to provide the candidate with an opportunity to "display his wares" to the public. And acting on the policy of "if you don't see it—ask for it," the community fathers, and sons, too, put the rabbi through a theological, social and intellectual third degree which it was my privilege to witness. Day and night, for four full days, the inquisition continued:

Rabbi, would you personally attend week day services every day at the Synagogue? Does your wife teach Hebrew School, too? How much is she paid now? Have you been active in the Boy Scout movement? Do you approve of synagogue cooperation with the Y. M. H. A., or should the synagogue seek to dominate the entire community? What are your views on the teaching of ivrah?

How much money do you think Hadassah should raise at its annual Donor's Luncheon? Why aren't you a chaplain in the Army? How often will you report to the Board of Directors? Would you permit Bas Mitzvah? Can you serve as cantor, as well as rabbi? Would you object to members of your congregation riding to services? Would you want a contract? What if the community is dissatisfied with your services?

How can you teach God to adolescents? Will you require a microphone and loud-speaker system? What will be your relationship with the local Reform rabbi? It's all very well to talk about culture and education and youth work, but what about spiritualism (sic)?

How does your wife help you? Are you a Mikveh in the community? What should we do if the bulk of the Jewish population moves away from the section where we erected our building? Should Maurice Samuel lecture on Zionism or on Sholom Aleichem? How much dues should the members of our institution pay? Are you a Litvak?

How often do you visit members of the congregation? How long a contract would you expect? My uncle lives in the city you came from; do you know him? Why are you leaving your present congregation? What textbook would you use in the fifth grade of Hebrew School? What are we going to do about anti-Semitism? What do you do in your spare time?

To his everlasting honor and credit be it said that the young rabbi conducted himself like a gentlemen—and a rabbi.

THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

Attention of parents of children in the public schools is called to the following resolution of the Rabbinical Council:

"The Rabbinical Council of New Orleans is concerned with proper attitudes of Jewish children in the public schools during the coming Christmas celebration. Carols of deep religious significance to Christian children are sometimes a part of class exercises.

"Without recognizing the right of anyone to introduce such material into the public schools, the Rabbinical Council of New Orleans urges Jewish parents to instruct their children to regard with deepest respect these religious demonstrations of our Christian neighbors, yet to refrain from participation in the singing of Christmas songs of Christian theological significance.

"For the Christian, these carols derive their significance from the deepest religious loyalty inculcated in Christian homes and at Christian altars. For children of other faiths to participate therefore would not enhance but lower the fervor with which such carols should be sung."—Gates of Prayer (New Orleans) Bulletin.

No Jew who has left Germany will even conceive returning there of his own accord, whatever Germany's appearance after the war. After twelve years of the Nazi regime, in which an entire generation has been poisoned with an insane hatred of Jews, and in which all Jewish economic positions have been completely destroyed, Jewish dignity and the will to exist have made the gulf with Germany final and absolute.—Palestine Association of Settlers from Central Europe.

I am certain that no longer will rabbis experience coldness on the part of our youth in Jewish matters, nor will they look with disdain on the spiritual message of the synagogue. My findings are that Jewish youth demands warmth, and I do not mean the foxhole type of religion, but that Jewish vitality which is expressive of the prophetic message of Israel, blended with the singing and dreaming of the psalmist and the bold faith of the martyr whose blood flows through our veins and whose precepts have done so much to make us the classic no-sayers to injustice and tyranny.—Chaplain Abraham Dubin.

Today that blessing (Bar Mitzvah) has developed, perhaps, into one of the greatest curses of Jewish life, especially Jewish educational life. With our coming to America the content of Jewish life changed in many ways. During our early days in this land people had relatively little opportunity to develop their culture. They were too preoccupied with establishing an economic and political foothold in their new home. Hence the content of Jewish life was thinned. Jews began to stress the forms of our faith, rather than the content. More and more Bar Mitzvah came to be merely a rite. More and more it became an excuse for the staging of lavish parties, family reunions, dress rehearsals for wedding parties, the occasion for the showering of gifts upon a boy. Yea, too often they had become merely occasions for ostentatious display of material wherewithal.

The consequences of this pattern are serious from the viewpoint of Jewish life. The Bar Mitzvah has come to be not only a passive, static factor, but a negative, functioning-for-the-ill proposition. How often we hear parents ask, "Will your school

I HAVE a letter from the Powell River Biblical Institute of Powell River, British Columbia concerning a piece I wrote about Gentiles who should try to be Christians. (They are far from Christians if they are anti-Semites, if as so many of them do, they go about spewing the malice they took from the mouth of the pagan Hitler).

The Powell River Biblical Institute's letter is friendly and reproachful, too. Yes, it confesses contritely, "false Christian Gentiles" have hideously sinned but it asks, are Jews altogether without sin against brethren? It means the hostility of some Jews toward other Jews who have been converted to Christianity.

I had written: "I, the Jew, never had persecuted anybody, never gone about to foment hate in the world. I had hated some individuals as ferociously as any one could hate, but I had never been guilty of the sin that envelopes an entire group in the foul wrappings of hate and contempt."

The Institute replies: "We ask you in all sincerity what do you, think of the treatment meted out by the members of your race upon their brethren whom come to recognize in Jesus their own Messiah. Is not this what you would call persecution? Is this permitting perfect liberty of thought and freedom of religion?"

Is it not true that those of your race who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah have been driven from home and loved ones to roam through the world as exiles and outcasts. . . . Is it not true that you, as Jews, have persecuted and still are persecuting those of your own brethren who dare to accept your brother Jesus? . . . It would appear that neither the Jew nor the Gentile can point a finger at the other. Both stand guilty before the bar of God."

No more than the Institute defends Gentiles can I defend Jews who would persecute other Jews for taking another religion. Authentic Christians are not so numerous in the world that I can begrudge the Christian church even one Jew who, being a sincere convert, goes forth really to practice Christianity. Having been a Jew, having inherited the Commandments and the Prophets, having walked with the spirit of the Psalmist, he may be even a better Christian on that account.

It's quite all right with me if a Jew, convinced that Christianity is the better religion for him, becomes a true Christian to set an exemplar of being a Christian for the eyes of the Gentiles. I continue to believe in the rationality of Judaism and keep it as a religion satisfactory to me; but I don't quarrel with a Jew who takes Christianity any more than I would quarrel with a Methodist who became a Catholic, or a Baptist who took up Buddhism. Religion is a matter of a man's private conscience, like marriage. Would I say to a man, No, you shouldn't marry that girl. I don't like the way her nose turns up. That's his business.

Strangely, though I have had a long and varied experience, I have known only three converts in all my life. (The Powell River Biblical Institute seems to believe that the displeasure of Jews against converts covers a large area.)

One of these three converts was the Rev. Mr. Ragovsky who conducted a Baptist mission for Jews in a store room in the Jewish neighborhood of our town long ago. He had among his neighbors Mr. Oscherwitz the kosher butcher, Mr. Finklestein, the grocer, Mr. Gershuny who had a cigar store.

The Rev. Mr. Ragovsky whose tongue car-

adequately prepare my boy for his Bar Mitzvah? We do not want him to shame us and his grandparents. After all, we plan to have a large attendance at the ceremony." How common is the occurrence of Jews joining a synagogue a year or so prior to the boys' Bar Mitzvah, and then resigning the day after the "happy" occasion! How prevalent the attitude of parents of being concerned educationally only in the boy's being able to shine on the pulpit on the day of his Bar Mitzvah!

Let us pursue this consideration further. Why all this concern for Bar Mitzvah preparation? Primarily, we feel, because of the lack of knowledge on the part of Jews as to what is in-

volved in a Bar Mitzvah performance. Somehow a certain mystery seems to pervade the atmosphere. Really, the preparation for this ritual consists only in the learning by heart of two blessings, the ability to read a few short passages in Hebrew, and, perhaps, the technique of applying notes of cantillation to the reading. Properly taught, the process involved is a matter of months not years, as has been advocated by those who would make a living from the prolonged "course of study." Many times, boys who have been "Bar Mitzvahed" have read, not from Hebrew letters, but from phonetic or transliterated Hebrew. Of what educational value is this procedure? When all is finished, what is the residue remaining with the boy? At best the ability to read mechanically, to a certain extent, Hebrew characters. How will this help that boy to be a good Jew in the American scene? It merely serves to give him the wrong slant on Jewish cultural values. What is there in this set-up to make the faith of his fathers attractive and appealing? On the contrary (as he begins to reflect), this but serves to repel the lad from organized Jewish life by virtue of its emptiness and sham.—Dr. William B. Feirie.

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AL SEGAL Speaks on CONVERTS



ried the Yiddish accent of his Lithuanian origin got along all right in his Jewish neighborhood. He came and went and was never reviled; his gospel mission stood respected even though it wasn't a popular place among his Jewish neighbors.

There is no record that he converted any of them during the years he had his stand there, but he kept faithfully at the tasks of his mission to the last. If, as Billy Sunday used to say, Jesus Himself embraces the faithful Christians in paradise, Mr. Ragovsky probably received the warmest welcome.

Then there was the young Jewish woman who was converted to Catholicism. That fact made no difference at all in the affection of her relatives and Jewish friends. After all, she was the same fine girl she always had been and in her new religious identity her excellent merits were no less. She continued to abide in her parent's house.

Finally, there was the converted refugee I came to know one day in my own house. He was visiting and quite casually remarked that he was a convert. I didn't drive him from my house at this revelation. Nor did I attempt to show him the error of his way. My tolerance would have credited him the more if he were sincerely a Christian, but he said: "Well, you see, being a Christian in Germany was a matter of convenience."

While I have met only three converts from Judaism, most Jews haven't met any; they are very few. (If the Powell River Biblical Institute went to statistical trouble it would discover that the harvest of converted Jews has been meager, considering all the Christian sowing that has been done, at great expense, through all the years.)

What I mean to say is that among Jews conversion to Christianity is not so widespread as to justify an accusation of extensive persecution of converts by Jews, comparable to the Gentile persecution of Jews. The Powell River Biblical Institute says that in the matter of persecution "the records of the Jewish and Gentile nations, down through the centuries, run parallel. . . . Both stand guilty before the bar of God."

On, my dear Institute, it's scarcely Christian to say that. To liken them to murderous Gentiles is about the worst that has been said about Jews. I have in mind the Hitler slaughter of millions of Jews, the thousands of Jews burned in the inquisitions, the multitudes butchered when the Crusaders were marching across Europe—all in the name of Christianity; the pogroms in the Czar's Russia.

I don't doubt some converts have been badly treated by Jews and there can be no defense of people hatefully treating other people on account of their religion. But, thank goodness, Jews never organized to place hate on a mass destruction basis. There hasn't been any blood on our hands ever since the time (we were barbarians then) we marched through Canaan. As a people we have been civilized a long time.

What the Jew today thinks of conversion has been well told by Franz Werfel. Because he has written books that sounded like a true Christian talking, many people thought that Werfel, a Jew, had been converted.

In his new book, "Between Heaven and Earth," Werfel says he will always remain a Jew. . . . "Israel," he says, "is more than a nation; it is an historical and biological order . . . into which one enters by birth never to be released until the last day but one. A Jew who steps up to the baptismal font . . . deserts . . . from the side of the weak and the persecuted. . . . He deserts Christ Himself since he arbitrarily interrupts his historical sufferings—the penance for rejecting the Messiah.

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The Editor's Chair

Some straight speaking on synagogue affiliation is contained in an editorial by Rabbi A. M. Heller in his Flatbush (Brooklyn) Jewish Center News. Rabbi Heller after pointing out the primacy of synagogue affiliation in Jewish life, goes on to say the following:

"The fault for small membership enrollment in the synagogue in proportion to the Jewish population is not always with the unaffiliated. Often the directorship of the synagogue is not too concerned with the problem of membership. Either the dues are made prohibitive for men of moderate means, or no effect is made for the approach of new members. Sometimes they are not made too welcome by a class consciousness within the synagogue, who feel that the House of God is their personal property and will not countenance the intrusion of new comers, especially if they seek a voice in the affairs of the synagogue."

Any person conversant with the bitterness of congregation politics, will concede the accuracy of Rabbi Heller's analysis. Jews seems to be in so great need for recognition, because of their inferiority complex, that they carry the war into every large and small Jewish organization.

As far the unaffiliated though, this is the first time, that this paper has been their side of the picture presented. Too often the unaffiliated are never approached, especially if they are newcomers to a community, because there is no community apparatus for registering families who move into a city.

A need then is for a system, a system which will bring to the newcomers an invitation from all of the community's congregation. Let's see then if some system couldn't be set up which would take care of this problem.

Suppose the several congregations of any fair-sized Jewish community get together with their welfare fund or federation and set up an arrangement whereby newcomers to a community would be registered. In most cases this would be done by members of the community as they met new families.

From the federation or welfare fund office would go a letter of welcome, which would list the Jewish center and the various congregations. The list of newcomers would then be turned over impartially to all the city's congregations, who would proceed to invite, by whatever method they desired, the newcomer to join their congregation.

Simple enough. Necessary enough. Then let's do it.

In this issue you see a picture and a news story of forty New York city Jewish children who journeyed to Washington to "beg" the nation's officials there for the salvation and rehabilitation of "our defenseless brethren." I have no comment to make on this stunt devised no doubt to awaken public opinion, except this. Under whose auspices was this junket made? I waited for the Jewish Telegraph Agency report on the

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Editorial Page

What the Jewish Chaplain Really Wants

WELL-DESERVED plaudits will be paid the 266 Jewish chaplains now serving in the armed forces at services in synagogues throughout the nation this Saturday, but The Post can assume to speak for the chaplains when it says that although the words will be appreciated what the chaplains really want and are concerned about are pulpits when they return home after the war.

Unquestionably the powers that be have given serious consideration to the problem, but thus far no intimation of the line of their thinking has leaked out.

Are considerations being given to some established form of assistance that will make it possible for the organization of new synagogues throughout the country where they are needed?

Has the possibility been discussed of the

shift in population to Florida and to the west which makes feasible the establishment of new congregations.

How about something definite in the way of placing rabbis at the heads of Jewish community centers, and related organizations.

What too, about rabbis of congregations numbering over 500, all taking on assistant and associate rabbis.

The possibilities, although not endless, certainly are numerous. Perhaps for the first time, there will be an excess of rabbis at just the moment, when the Jewish communities and their organizations have funds, so that there could be a revolution in Jewish community life as a result.

Some public discussion seems to be warranted, The Post believes.

Why Not More Teamwork Among Zionist Leaders

RINNA Grossman, author of "New York Dateline" which appears in The Post, makes the point in her column, which arrived too late for publication last week, and whose contents are outdated for publication this week, that there is evidently no working together between the Zionist Organization of America, the Zionist Emergency Committee, and the Jewish Agency.

She contends that the Z.O.A., although a constituent member of the Emergency Council, which is handling the matter of the Palestine Resolution, evidently was unaware that the Resolution would be pressed for passage at this time, and then points out the inconsistency of the wording of the Resolution which called for "ultimate establishment of a Jewish commonwealth" with the statement of the

Jewish agency to Great Britain asking for immediate implementation of a Jewish Commonwealth.

Add to this lack of teamwork, the statement of Dr. Chaim Weizmann as reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (owners of the World Wide News Service) urging a transition period of "five or six years as a preparation for the launching of a Jewish state."

Recriminations over the defeat of the Palestine Resolution in the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee hearing may not be warranted, but it seems reasonable to inquire why the various Zionist agencies do not work together—why the Emergency Committee does not work with the Z.O.A. and why Dr. Chaim Weizmann does not work with the Jewish Agency, of which he is president.

Vastly Satisfying

THERE is something vastly satisfying in the news items, now developing with increasing frequency, of the work done by the Palestine community to rescue and aid in the amelioration of the plight of the Jews of Europe.

In all the editorials, and in all the speeches made in the United States in the past few months, it has been emphasized that with the Jewries of Eastern and Central Europe destroyed and those of Western Europe debilitated, the responsibility for helping the remaining Jews was solely that of U. S. Jewry. No other organized and sufficiently large Jewish community existed which could be looked to for help, it was pointed out.

Palestine Jewry may not have the wherewithal financially, but it has something almost

as valuable. It has a clear and unclouded understanding of the situation and its implications, and it has courage, and it knows that action and speed are paramount.

To be specific then, David Ben Gurion is just now returning from the Balkans where he has set into motion machinery for saving as many uprooted and homeless Jews as possible, and where as the representative of Palestine, he has been received officially and with respect.

Other news is that of the organization of 60 trained relief workers into emergency rescue squads under the aegis of the Vaad Leumi, Jewish National Council of Palestine, to go into the Balkans on errands of mercy.

Exactly what would have been the fate of the millions of dead Jews since 1933, had Palestine been then and now, as a Jewish community, where it will be in 25 years.

Where Those Jewish Orphans Belong

THE Soviet Government deserves the thanks of the Jewish community for providing for the 520 Rumanian Jewish orphans from Transistria who are now being removed to a special children's home in Odessa. But there is another angle to the matter which warrants consideration.

These Jewish orphans belong in Palestine. It must have long been noted by those interested in the upbuilding of the land, that children provide the best material for pioneers,

and despite everything else, manpower is an important factor in the establishment of any project so vital as that of a Jewish State.

If this one group numbers 520, throughout Europe the number of Jewish orphans must number well over a hundred thousand. These and even the group now en route to Odessa should not be forgotten, and if at all possible, every effort should be made to see that Palestine be their final home.

Current Comment

Can't Tell Whether Chaplain Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, Arthur Weyne Says in Article—An enormously wholesome development has been the blurring of distinctions among the three groups within Judaism. There has been services conducted by Reform rabbis which were more traditional than some by Orthodox chaplains. If you didn't know the chaplain's group adherence in civilian life you wouldn't be able to categorize him on the basis of the services he conducts for the troops, for the rabbis have submerged their own particular views, without serious consequences, the better to serve their scattered flocks.

Smith's Showing Indicates Good Sense of American Public, Detroit Jewish Chronicle Says—Gerald L. K. Smith, candidate for President on the America First ticket, received a total of 875,000 cast in Wayne County. . . . The pitiful showing of Mr. Smith should persuade some of those who want more and more laws to shut up more and more people who say things with which they disagree, that the good sense of the American public enables it to distinguish between the genuine and the phoney, and that the appeals to race hatreds do not get very far.

trip, but it gives no more detail than the cutlines under the picture. My best guess is that the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation or one of its many affiliated groups sponsored the affair. Am I right?

Commenting on the fact that no new leadership is being introduced into the community's organization, a reader of The Post brought me the following figures in connection with the recent nominations to the Board of governors of the Indianapolis Jewish Federation. Of the seven men nominated to fill the seven vacancies which occur each year, one has served on the board for fifteen years, one fourteen years, one nine years, one six years and one four, with the remaining two never having served. The suggestion is that service on the board be limited to two consecutive three-year periods, which seems to me to be fair and logical.

Speaking of the Federation reminds me of the fact that I have been named again this year, after an interval of a year (as I recall) to a sub-committee on allocations of the Welfare Fund. Two years ago I was on one of the committee charged with parcelling out the money to the national Jewish organizations, and when the committee chairmen asked what is the American Jewish Congress, and what is the ORT, I was ready to give up. I charged the Welfare Fund officials with the ridiculousness of this situation, and do you know what I was told. They were trying to educate this man into the intricacies of Jewish communal life and anyway his decisions were not final because the board had the last say.

12 Members Now for Resolution

Jewish Telegraphic Agency WASHINGTON—Twelve members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, seven Democrats and five Republicans, which last week postponed action on the Palestine Resolution at the request of the State Department, had made public a joint statement recording their personal approval of the resolution. Only 9 voted for the Resolution at the hearing.

Palestine Disappointed

JERUSALEM—Disappointment of the deferment of the Palestine Resolution by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expressed in the Jewish press here. The newspapers charge American Zionists with "inspiring false hopes" by creating the impression that "big political achievements" were soon to be expected.

Russia for Commonwealth

Jewish Telegraphic Agency TEL AVIV—The Russian press attache in Teheran, M. Baranov, speaking to a delegation of the Palestine Victory League, assured them that Russia will support Jewish independence in Palestine. The delegation was also told by Russian representatives in Teheran that the Soviet Government will have sixteen delegations at the peace conference, representing individual Soviet Republics, and these delegations will all fight against the mandatory system.

The House of Representatives last week approved an appropriations bill clause granting \$150,000 to the War Refugee Board for administrative expenses from January to June.

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Hadassah Chapter To Honor Founder

SOUTH BEND—The birthday of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, will be celebrated with a tea at the next meeting of the South Bend chapter of the organization Tuesday, Dec. 26. Mrs. Julius Tischoff is chairman for the affair.

A Youth Aliyah program has been planned by Mrs. David Moss, program chairman, for the occasion. Mrs. Kurt Simon will participate in the program. The meeting will be held in the vestry rooms of Sinai Synagogue.

New Members Admitted by Hebrew Institute Women—New members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hebrew Institute admitted at the last meeting are the Mesdames Rueben Silberman, Theodore Goodman, Nathan Gildenhorn, Max Cooper, David Fine, Jacob Resnik, Morton Chareton, Herman Hersch, Al Bernstein, Harold Medow, Mandel Feingold, Ben Schpok, Louis Frank, Emanuel Liss, William Cohen and Julius Gilbert. The group will purchase a \$200 War Bond for the sixth War Loan drive.

Congress Group to Collect Clothing—The Womens Division, American Jewish Congress, is preparing a shipment of old clothing and shoes to be sent to Palestine. Contributions may be left at 1303 E. Wayne St. The group has also requested gifts of stamps from stamp collectors, to be given to wounded service men to add to their collections. Persons able to crochet bed slippers for convalescent servicemen are asked to call 4-6666. William Robinson, Chicago, president of the governing council of the Congress, will speak at Hebrew Orthodox Synagogue Friday, Jan. 12.

Denver League to Elect—Annual election of officers will be held by the Denver League at a meeting at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Temple Beth El. A tea will follow the meeting.

A.Z.A. Members to Attend Convention—Members of St. Joseph Valley chapter of A.Z.A. who will attend the convention at Indianapolis Dec. 23 to 26 include Marvin Borr, Melvyn Tomber, Leslie Leviton, Lyle Miller, Gerald Pryweller, Marvin Solomon, Albert Farber, Irwin Goldberg, Gary Aretz and Ted Minkow. Donald Shavel, a member of the chapter's basketball team, is recuperating from an arm injury. Members of the team will be presented with sweat-shirts to be worn during the convention.

Synagogue Notes—Rabbi Stephen Sherman will speak at services at Temple Beth El tonight. . . . Rabbi Maurice Parzen will speak on "How I Think of a Birthday" at services at 8:15 p. m. tonight at Sinai Synagogue.

In the Service—Charles Marshall, signalman with the Atlantic fleet, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall. He also visited relatives in Pittsburgh. . . . Paul Schankerman, brother of Norman Schankerman, has been promoted to captain. . . . Pfc. Marvin Breskin has arrived safely in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breskin. . . . WAVE Ruth Steinberg, Y2/c, is ill in Bethesda Hospital, Washington, D. C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Resnick.

Notes—Mrs. Dave Nelson and daughter, Marlene, spent several days in Chicago, where Mrs. Nelson visited her brother, Joseph From. . . . Mrs. Henry Gifkin and daughter, Carol Mae, are leaving for Minneapolis to spend a few days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Rothschild. She will go from there to Duluth, Minn., to visit her

State in Review

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Horwich Unit Cited By President

SOUTH BEND—The infantry battalion of which Lt. Irving I. Horwich, Elkhart, Ind., who was killed in action Nov. 29, 1943, was a member, has received a presidential unit citation for the action in which Lt. Horwich died.

Horwich was one of 17 officers killed in the Italian battle, in which enemy losses were estimated at 400 killed and wounded, while losses of the battalion were 24 killed and 171 wounded.

Phillip Dermer, 65, Resident 40 Years, Dead at South Bend

SOUTH BEND—Phillip Dermer, 65, died Saturday, Dec. 16, in St. Joseph Hospital after several weeks illness. He had lived in South Bend forty years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clara Blum Dermer; two daughters, Mrs. Ben Lurye, California, and Miss Faye Dermer, South Bend; two brothers, Nathan and Morris Dermer, of South Bend; two sisters, Mrs. Marion Fox and Mrs. Ben Leff, Chicago; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Dec. 17, by Aaron M. Rine. Burial was in Hebrew Orthodox Cemetery, Mishawaka.

mother, Mrs. A. E. Winer. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nelson and family moved into their new home this week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoffman have as their guests for several days Mr. and Mrs. Ed Levine, and son Ronny of Buffalo, N. Y., who are en route to California to make their home. . . . Miss Betty Lee Mooren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mooren, is home for the holidays from Northwestern University. . . . Miss Geneva Pryweller, also a student at Northwestern, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pryweller for the holidays. . . . Morris Schankerman, son of Mr. I. Schankerman, will go to Indianapolis Dec. 26 for his army physical examination. . . . Mrs. Leo R. Cohn spent several days in Pittsburgh visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rosenbloom. . . . Mrs. Eli Aronson has left for several weeks visit with friends and relatives in California. . . . Miss Charlotte Mae Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gilbert, is home for the holidays from Purdue University. She has as her guest Miss Helen Irene Cohen, a student at Chicago University. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zoss have gone to Miami Beach for the winter. . . . Mr. Ben Rossin, Chicago, and Mr. Morris Rossini, Cleveland, visited their mother, Mrs. M. Rossin, and other South Bend Relatives' last week. . . . Mr. Sam Rossin is recuperating from a recent illness. . . . Mrs. A. K. Klein is spending the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Burke. . . . Mrs. David Moss entertained Saturday evening in celebration of her husband's birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scheer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cantor, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goldstein, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Fishman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sante, Mr. and Mrs. Mort Greenhut and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Baillie.

Lodge to Provide Oneg Shabbat Tonight

EVANSVILLE—The B'nai B'rith, Thisbe Lodge will provide the Oneg Shabbat at George Field tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weil and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Weil are in charge of arrangements with Mr. Richard Lauer.

Chaplain Finkel, formerly of Scott Field, Ill., has been assigned to George Field for the next three months.

Sisterhood Plans Mother-Daughter Affair—The Washington Avenue Temple Sisterhood, in place of the regular monthly luncheon meeting, will hold a Mother and Daughter Tea in the Temple House, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 26, honoring the new members of organization. Mrs. Al Koch is in charge of arrangements.

Chanukah Affair Held for George Field Men—At the JWB Chanukah Service and dance at the Washington Avenue Center Saturday, Dec. 16, over 40 enlisted men and officers from George Field attended. Rabbi Milton Greenwald officiated at the Candlelight service, assisted in the chanting of the Borucha by 10 of the service men.

Notes—Mrs. Laura Lyons, of Vincennes, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marcus Ravdin. . . . Mrs. Alvin Hertzberg, the former Nancy Steinau, has returned from New Brunswick, N. J., to make her home here while her husband, It. Hertzberg, is serving overseas. . . . Miss Lois Scheer is spending the holiday vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Scheer. Miss Scheer attends Stevens College, Mo. . . . Miss Joan Althof, student at Marjorie Webster College for Girls, Washington, D. C., is home for the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Althof. . . . Miss Ann Grossman, who has been the Jewish Welfare Board Director of the USO, Morgantown, Ky., for the past year and a half, has been assigned to the Washington, D. C., Center, and will spend a few days with her family in New York en route. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harding of Leonardtown are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Straus. Mrs. Mabel Freiburg

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Lt. Begner Wounded in Germany

EVANSVILLE—Robert Begner was wounded in action in Germany Nov. 17. He has served with the infantry overseas for three months, first participating in the French invasion. Lt. Begner entered the Army 18 months ago and received his commission at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was an instructor at Camp Hood, Tex., before going overseas.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Begner, formerly of Evansville, now live in Atlanta, Ga. He is the nephew of Mr. Dave Begner of this city.

Straus of Cincinnati, mother of Mr. Straus, will join them here later in the week. . . . Mrs. Louis Marks has returned from a month's visit with friends in Los Angeles and San Diego, California. . . . Mrs. Sig Marks will spend Christmas in Nashville, Tenn., with her sister, Mrs. Joe Morse. Their brother, Lt. Richard Brown, Merchant Marine, who has just returned from a 6 months voyage in the South Pacific, will join them there. . . . Mrs. Josie Feibleman, Chicago, sister of Mrs. A. A. Brentano passed away at Deaconess Protestant Hospital, Evansville, after a lingering illness. Burial will be in Chicago. . . . Mrs. Jacob Hoffman and Mrs. Fanny Lindy left Friday for a two months trip to Miami Beach. . . . Mrs. Harry Sabel and children are in Florida for several months. . . . Miss Helen Schultz, JWB director at Camp Campbell, Ky., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schiltz, celebrating her father's 70th birthday. . . . Lt. Richard H. Reese, recently graduated from Office Candidate School, New Orleans, is in the school of transportation, will spend a few days with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Reese, en route to his new assignment in the

Sam Marcus, 60, Dies in East Chicago

EAST CHICAGO—Funeral services for Sam Marcus, 60, who died Sunday, Dec. 10 at the St. Margaret's Hospital, were held Wednesday, Dec. 13. Rabbi Jacob Bergman of Hammond conducted the ceremony at Beth Shalom Synagogue. Burial was in Waldheim Cemetery, Chicago.

Mr. Marcus had resided in East Chicago for thirty-five years, most of which time he was in business. For the past ten years he was employed by the Seifer Furniture Company. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rae Marcus; a son, Lt. Louis Marcus, and a daughter, Sylvia Marcus.

Port of New York. . . . David A. Hamburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Hamburg received his A.B. degree in Anatomy and Physiology at Indiana University, and the award of Phi Beta Kappa. . . . Lt. and Mrs. Morris Gippin, the latter being the former Helena Weil, visited her mother and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Weil, en route to New York City to visit his parents. The recent bride and groom were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Weil and Mrs. Elizabeth Weil at a series of dinner parties. . . . Lt. Gippin is stationed with the Medical Corps at McCloskey General Hospital and Mrs. Gippin is with the American Red Cross. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Simon Jacobs, Chicago, will spend the Holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lauer. . . . Mrs. Maurice Brown, Cincinnati, is visiting her brother, Mr. Lester Joseph Sr.

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LAFAYETTE—Mrs. Sam Newmark and Mrs. Max Newmark of Aattica gave a dinner party at their home in honor of their brother, Mrs. Albert Glustker of California, who is visiting them. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Newmark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Newmark and her brother, Lt. (j.g.) Harry Krashen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Newmark, all of Lafayette, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Newmark of Chalmers. Miss Lois Silver, student at Inter-

mount College, Bristol, Va., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Silver. Miss Carol Loeb, who attends Tudor Hall at Indianapolis, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loeb and will have as her guest, a classmate, Miss Marjorie Faulkner. Lt. (j.g.) Harry Krashen of Oxford, O., visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Newmark. Mrs. Berthold Loeb and Mrs. Leon Abraham have returned to Lafayette after visiting relatives in Cincinnati for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roger, of Harry's Style Shop, were hosts at a chicken dinner given at the Lincoln Lodge on December 12 for the employees of their store. Miss Miriam Newmark, a student at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Newmark of Attica, for her vacation. Mr. Leonard Newmark, who attends the University of Chicago, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Newmark of Attica. Miss Berea Harland, niece of Mrs. S. M. Cohen and Mrs. Sadora Hamilton, mother of Mrs. Cohen, both of Frankfort, are visiting here. Mrs. S. M. Cohen has received word that her husband, Sigmund Morris Cohen, who is now in France has been promoted to Staff Sergeant He was stationed in England for 18 months and is now in France with Patton's third army. Lafayette branch of Hadassah has purchased its tablecloth and all members of Hadassah are asked to embroad their names on it.

Rosenthal Heads Ft. Wayne Lodge

Special
FORT WAYNE — Joseph J. Rosenthal was elected president of the Fort Wayne B'nai B'rith lodge at a meeting Dec. 12. Other officers named were William Baun, first vice-president; Sam Hillman, second vice-president; Norman Franklin, secretary; Joseph Freiburger, treasurer; Abe Lipp, warden; Dave Block, guardian; and Ben Hutner, chairman of the board of trustees. Abe Kaufman and Paul Schwartz were elected to the board of trustees. Installation of the new officers will take place at a dinner at the Fort Wayne Athletic Club at 7 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 6. William Brosler is chairman and Milton Sugar co-chairman of the affair. Dr. Harry W. Salon will be toastmaster, and Manuel King will have charge of the installation. A musical program will be presented.

Hadassah Plans Oneg Shabbat—The first Oneg Shabbat of the season will be held by Fort Wayne Hadassah at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the home of Mrs. Claude Lee. Mrs. I. A. Weingart and Mrs. Chester Lichtenberg will present a program in celebration of the 85th birthday of Henrietta Szold. Mrs. Abe Beck will be the assisting hostess. Mrs. Bud Fisch, membership chairman has announced the addition of 22 new members since September. **Bible Group to Meet**—The Bible Study Group of the Temple will meet in the Board Room at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Race Group to Meet—The Race Group of the Temple will meet in the Board Room at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Brotherhood Meeting Set—The Temple Brotherhood will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at the Temple.

Examination Announced—A public examination of the Children of the B'nai Jacob daily Hebrew school will be held Tuesday, Dec. 26. Parents and members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Synagogue Notes—"Influences in Jewish Life" will be the sermon topic tonight at B'nai Jacob Congregation. "The City and the Citizens" will be the sermon topic tonight at Achduth Vesholom congregation, at services celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of Fort Wayne.

In the Service—Ens. Morley Wenbert, of the Merchant Marine, who has served in the Mediterranean and in Italy, is home for an indefinite stay. Mr. S. Sheray has received an honorable discharge from the army. Mr. and Mrs. Sheray, former Fort Wayne residents, have recently returned to this city.

demur thereto on the 27th day of January, 1945. Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named herein hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 27th day of January, 1945, the same being the 21st judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the . . . Monday in January, 1945, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

A. JACK TILSON, Clerk.
William Zilson, Attorney for Plaintiff
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SOUTH BEND CONGRESS WOMEN CONTINUE WORK FOR SERVICEMEN

Special
SOUTH BEND—Under the auspices of the Women's Division, American Jewish Congress and the chairmanship of Mrs. Ben Zeigler, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Ira Frank, the following have contributed to the special gift fund for about 1,400 wounded servicemen stationed at Percy Jones Hospital in Michigan and Wakeman General Hospital in Indiana: Ben Pomerantz, B. Sandock, L. For-gash, Ira and Louis Frank, Joe Fishoff, N. Frank, Sam Fiewell, Sweeney, Mike Fox, B. Gurson, J. Rosenberg, Leo Newman, A. Mayerfeld, Phil Welber, Leo Cohn, Mr. Warner, Richmond's Jake Engle, H. Rubinstein, P. Smith, Bobby Sherman, A. Borr, J. Sacks, People's Store, George Bennett, A. F. Smith, Sol Sussman, Mrs. Minnie Borr, Howard Sigrist, Louis Cohen, J. Pure, Mrs. Yale Pearlman, Mrs. A. Martin, Jolly Nine Club, B. Fishgrund and B. Gurson.

In addition, meeting at the home of Mrs. Barney Sandock the following have given their services to wrap and pack these gifts: Lee Rossin, Rhea Newman, Mrs. J. Resnick, M. Lemontree, Adelle Rossin, Shirley Tucker, Zelma Zonenberg, Helen Saslowsky; Mesdames M. Hoffman, Santow, Goldberg, L. Hurwick Paxton and Edith Tucker. Also remembered were the servicemen at Hamblin St. U.S.O. in Battle Creek, Mich.; Camp Atterbury and the south Bend Service Men's Center.

In addition to the 46-pound box previously shipped, another box of 30 pounds of small gifts for Alaska service men have been shipped and about 150-pound box of goodies sent to the Congress Defense Houses in New York for Chanuka by Mrs. Eva Schulman, who was in charge.

The Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress has announced that more than 200 Russian Household Kits each containing 21 essential food items have already been donated thus far. Each kit costs \$2.50 and checks made payable to Kits for Russia, Inc., are still being accepted by Mrs. B. Sandock, 1303 East Wayne street, South, for this purpose.

The Women's Division has announced a new project, crocheting slippers for convalescent servicemen in hospitals. Wool, instructions and other materials for this project, may be gotten by calling 4-6666. The division is also gathering stamps for hospitalized service men for their stamp collections. The stamps may be left with clothes bundles or mailed to 1303 East Wayne street, South.

Others on the program were Phyllis Cohen, Harvey Feigenbaum, Seymour Meyers, Larry Brauer, June Evanson, David Blumenfeld, Marjorie Brauer, Milton Goodman, Allen Kaufman, Bert Ofasafio, Michael Rich, Melvin Teaven and William Emul. Also participating were Raylene Abrams, June Blumenthal, Hugh Brauer, Warren Blumenfeld, Anna Lee Edelman, Philip Pecar, Renee Rothstein, Phyllis Spivak and Lorraine Feigenbaum.

Notes—Robert W. Tourbow, of East Chicago, was commissioned an Ensign, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held Dec. 14 in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kleinman are vacationing in Miami. Mrs. Wolf Marcevic has returned from St. Joseph, Mich. The B'nai Is-

... Sgt. Joseph Goldman visited his wife, the former Luella Liff, in Fort Wayne last week. Lt. Sam Weinstein has been transferred to Lubbock, Tex., where Mrs. Weinstein will join him soon. Y 3/c Rivah Hassan, Camp Wallace, Tex., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Hassan, last week. Capt. and Mrs. Ben Kauffman and daughter, of Cincinnati, spent the past few days with Mrs. Hassan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Hassan.

Notes—Mrs. Joseph Weinraub is visiting relatives in Gary. Mr. Max Ochstein was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, where he is recuperating from an accident. Mr. and Mrs. Max Mandelsberg are visiting relatives in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oberstein of Detroit, were the guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Block and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Schwartz. Mrs. Minnie Silverman announces the marriage of her daughter, Lillian, to Paul Schleifer, of Chicago. Mrs. Albert Spitzberg suffered the loss of her father, who lived in Cleveland. Pvt. Joel W. Salon, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Salon, is home with his parents for two weeks from the University of Michigan Medical School. Mrs. William Platka, Jr., who was at St. Joseph Hospital, is convalescing at home. Robert I. Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Kaufman, was among nine Ft. Wayne students given a "distinguished student" rating at Purdue this semester.

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Judith Grusin, Lt. Cawn to Exchange Vows

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Miss Grusin is a senior at Indiana University where she is treasurer of Sigma Delta Tau sorority, president of the Hillel Student Council and a pledge member of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary society of women in journalism.



MISS JUDITH GRUSIN

Lt. Cawn has been stationed at the Greenville Army Air Base as an instructor since his return from overseas duty in the Southwest Pacific. He attended the University of Kentucky before entering the Air Corps.

Dora Lieberman Becomes Bride Of Leonard Lasky

Special
EVANSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. A. Lieberman, of Evansville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dora H. Lieberman, to Leonard Jay Lasky, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lasky of Marion, Ind. The ceremony took place at the Hotel McCurdy Sunday, Dec 10, with Rabbi Joseph Gorfinkel officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr. Lasky's father acted as his best man. Miss Shirley Lasky was maid of honor, Mrs. Nathan I. Lieberman and Mrs. H. G. Lieberman were bridesmaids, and Miss Phyllis Hamburg was flower girl. Ushers were Capt. H. G. Lieberman and Harry Lieberman.

A dinner followed the ceremony, and a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lieberman. After a short wedding trip, the couple will reside in Waukegan, Ill. Mr. Lasky is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Both attended Indiana University. Mrs. Lasky was secretary of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority and Mr. Lasky was affiliated with Pi Lambda Phi.

Ruth Friedman, Cpl. Mendelowitz Wed in Chicago

Special
SOUTH BEND—The wedding of Cpl. Marvin Mendelowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mendelowitz, took place Sunday, Dec. 17 in Chicago. The bride was Miss Ruth Friedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Friedman, Chicago.

Attendants including Mrs. Jack Leibow, sister of the groom, Joseph Friedman, brother of the bride, Nancy Raab and Sydney Friedman. Junior attendants were Eileen Raab, Sam Newman and Roberta Hoffman. Other South Bend guests attending the ceremony were the Messrs. and Mesdames Jacob Mendelowitz, Sam Hoffman, Joseph Mendelowitz, Max Teickman, Dave Raab (Elkhart), and Mrs. Phillip Polk and children, Mrs. Abe Gentner, Mr. Jule Weisbuck and son, Miss Sally Heller, and the Misses Nancy and Rachel Raab, Elkhart.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will leave for Fort Wetherill, R. I., where Cpl. Mendelowitz is stationed.

Los Angeles Girl, Cpl. Mannheimer To Wed Soon

Special
EVANSVILLE—Mr. Max Siegal, of Los Angeles, announces the engagement of his daughter, Edith, to Cpl. Morton Mannheimer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Mannheimer, Los Angeles, formerly of Evansville, Ind.

The wedding will be in the near future.

Give Blood to the Red Cross

'Round the State

News Bits from Here and There

KARSCHES HELP SERVICEMEN CELEBRATE

A serviceman home on furlough in East Chicago is extra lucky if Mr. and Mrs. Karsh, who own a bakery there, hear about it. He will receive a beautiful 3-layer cake, patriotically decorated, with his name on it, to help him celebrate. The Karshes also donate cakes to Servicemen's centers in Chicago, or to any function for servicemen of which they happen to hear. They have a son, Norman, in service overseas.

HURWITZ HONORED ON CHAPLAINS' PLAQUE

Major Samuel D. Hurwitz of Fort Wayne, who died a year ago at Camp Wolters, Tex., following an operation, was one of six Jewish chaplains who have lost their lives while serving their country who was honored this week by the Jewish Welfare Board. A five-foot plaque bearing the names of the six chaplains has been dedicated in the presence of the wives and families of the deceased.

East Chicago Children On Chanukah Program

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rael Congregation now publishes its own newspaper, twice a month, sponsored by the Sisterhood . . . Mrs. B. Smulevitz, who recently underwent a major operation at the St. Luke Hospital in Chicago, is progressing nicely . . . Mr. Jake Brenman is ill and is confined to his home . . . Mr. W. Kaplan has returned to his home from the hospital . . . Mrs. F. Braman and Mr. M. Solomon are recovering from illnesses

The first shipment of scores which will comprise the "Koussevitsky Musical Library" of the Palestine Orchestra is en route to Palestine. Dr. Koussevitsky is conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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Births

FORT WAYNE—Mr. and Mrs. George Mann announce the birth of a son.

EVANSVILLE—Sgt. and Mrs. Hyman Wittenberg announce the birth of a son, Joseph Larry, Sunday, Dec. 10 at Welborn-Walker Memorial Hospital. The Briss was held Sunday, Dec. 17 at the hospital, with Rev. Harry Gillman officiating. Rabbi Joseph Gorfinkel served as Sandik. Mrs. Leo Goldberg and Mrs. Fannie Wittenberg were Godparents, and Mr. Abe Goldberg held the baby while it was named. Kiddush followed the ceremony.

EAST CHICAGO—Mr. and Mrs. T. Abrams announce the birth of a daughter, Rochelle Miriam.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

PAULINE WELCH ROBERTS
vs
LESTER ROBERTS

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: In the Superior Court of Marion County in the State of Indiana. No. E-35764.

Be it Known, That on the 19th day of December, 1944, the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Lester Roberts and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that the residence of the defendant, upon diligent inquiry, and the defendant Lester Roberts, West Village 13, Room 128, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is not resident of the State of Indiana, and that said cause of action is for divorce and that the defendant Lester Roberts is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 26th day of February, 1945.

Now, Therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 26th day of February, 1945, the same being the 19th judicial day of a term of said Court to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in February, 1945, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

A. JACK TILSON, Clerk.
LEO KAMINSKY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

DAVID MINOR
vs
CHRISTINE MINOR

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: In the Superior Court of Marion County in the State of Indiana. No. E-35769.

Be it Known, That on the 20th day of December, 1944, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Christine Minor and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that the defendant is a non-resident of the state of Indiana, and that the last known address of said defendant was Chagrin Falls, Ohio; and that said cause of action is for divorce and that the defendant Christine Minor is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 17th day of February, 1945.

Now, Therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 17th day of February, 1945, the same being the 12th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in February, 1945, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in her absence.

A. JACK TILSON, Clerk.
ROCHFORD and ROCHFORD
Attorneys for Plaintiff.



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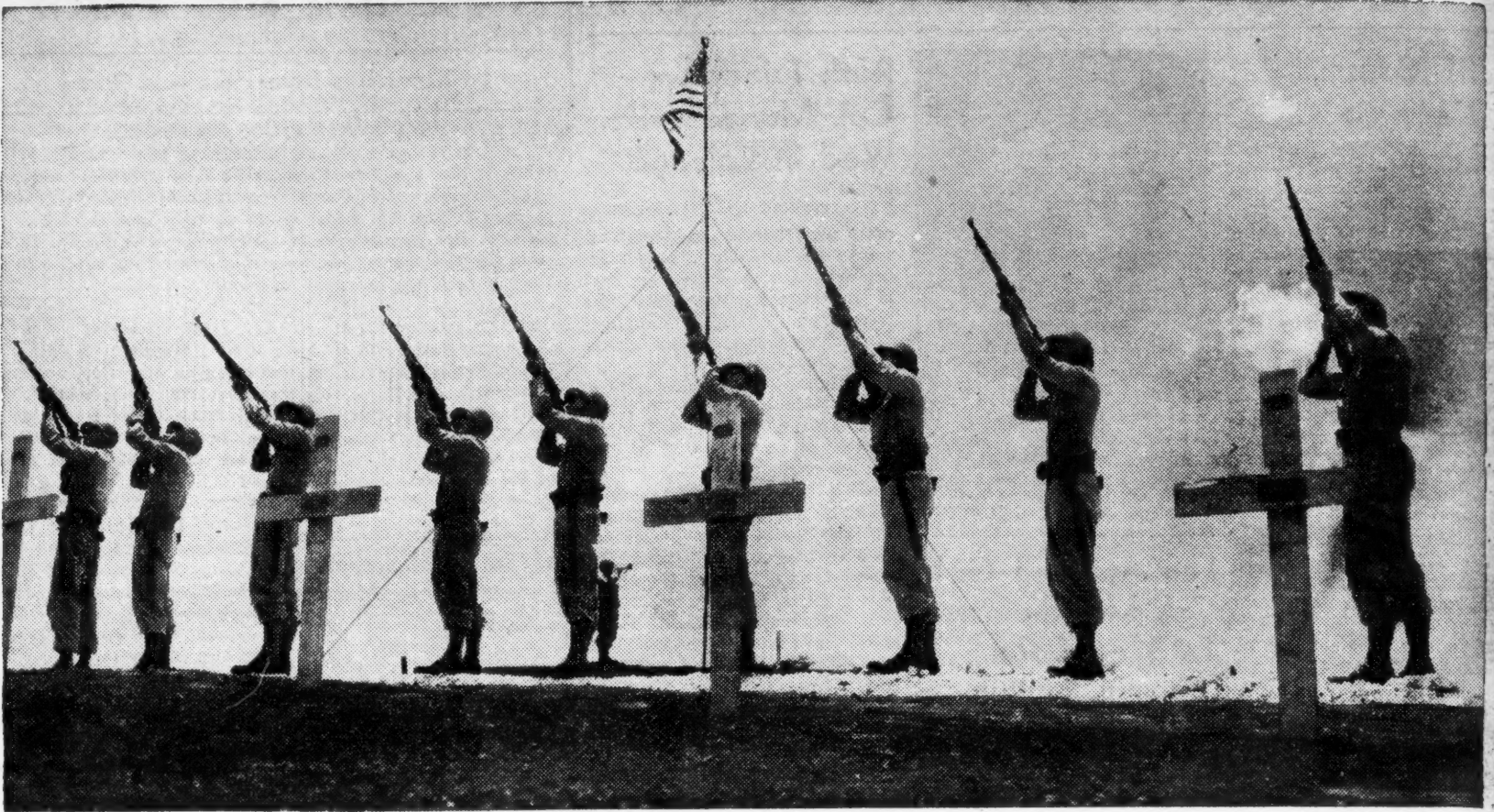
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A Prayer

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 are done in France.
 But I go on . . . for I must fight and kill . . .
 And work and sweat . . . and hide and run . . .
 For *here* the enemy is very much alive . . .

His bullets still are made of lead . . .
 Their angry whispers still foretell of sudden death
 For me and others crouched in slime and mud . . .
 The end for *us* is yet to come . . .
 And so we pray to God to give us strength
 To fight and win . . . without the waste of Time . . .
 And with His Will . . . to see our homes again

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